2026:AHC:187379

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 26637 of 2026

Zoya Khan @ Neha @ Chandani

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 3 Others

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Gaurav Srivastav, Rajesh Kumar Srivastava
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 68

(Sr. No.139 out of 185)

HON'BLE KRISHAN PAHAL, J.

1. List has been revised. Rejoinder affidavit filed by learned counsel for the applicant is taken on record.

2. Heard Sri Rajesh Kumar Srivastava, learned counsel for the applicant, Sri Deepak Kumar Singh, learned A.G.A. for the State and perused the material placed on record.

3. Applicant seeks bail in Case Crime No. 241 of 2026, under Section 96 BNS and Section 3/16/17 POCSO Act, Police Station Sector-20 Noida, District Commissionerate Gautam Buddh Nagar, during the pendency of trial.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant has argued that the applicant is absolutely innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. The FIR is delayed by about three months and there is no explanation of the said delay caused. The allegations do not stand substantiated by any evidence whatsoever. The applicant has no criminal history and is in jail since 5.7.2026. She undertakes to cooperate with the trial and not misuse the liberty of bail.

5. Learned A.G.A.has vehemently opposed the bail application but the submissions raised by the learned counsel for the applicant could not be disputed.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, the evidence on record, taking into consideration the inordinate delay of three months in institution of FIR, and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, *prima-facie* the Court is of the view that the applicant has made out a case for bail. The bail application is ***allowed***.

7. Let the applicant- **Zoya Khan @ Neha @ Chandani**, be released on bail in the aforementioned case crime on furnishing a personal bond and two sureties to the satisfaction of the court concerned, subject to verification of sureties, with the conditions that she shall not tamper with evidence or intimidate witnesses and shall appear before the trial court as required.

8. Breach of any condition shall entail cancellation of bail. The observations herein shall not affect the trial on merits.

(Krishan Pahal,J.)

September 8, 2026
Vikas Verma

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