SL. No.	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGE'S ORDERS
			BA4/5/2026 Lalit Kumar Mehendra Alias Lali Alias Shivdass Patil --Applicant **Versus** State Of Uttarakhand --Respondent **Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.** Mr. Arvind Vashisth, learned Senior Advocate (through video conferencing) assisted by Ms. Devanshi Joshi, learned counsel for the applicant. Mr. Vipul Painuly, learned A.G.A. for the State of Uttarakhand. 2. The present bail application has been filed by the applicant, who is in judicial custody in connection with Case Crime/FIR No. 232 of 2024, registered at Police Station Transit Camp, District Udham Singh Nagar, for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 336(3), 338, 340(2), 61(2), 316(5), 111 and 238 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. 3. Heard learned counsel for the applicant and learned State Counsel and perused the material available on record. 4. As per the prosecution case, the applicant is alleged to be the mastermind behind the preparation of forged cheques purportedly issued by the Competent Land Acquisition Authority. The allegation is that a group of persons was involved in preparing forged cheques purportedly issued by the said authority and getting the same encashed. 5. Learned Senior Counsel appearing for the applicant submits that, during the course of investigation, no material has emerged establishing the applicant's involvement in the commission of the alleged offence. The only allegation against the applicant is that he was seen present in the chamber of the Bank Manager and, as per the CCTV footage, some

			money was allegedly being handed over by the Bank Manager to the applicant. Apart from the aforesaid circumstance, there is no allegation attributing any specific role to the applicant in the preparation of forged cheques or in presenting the same for encashment. It is further submitted that the co-accused, namely, the Bank Manager and the person who had presented the alleged forged cheques for encashment before the bank, have already been enlarged on bail. The applicant has been in judicial custody since 01.10.2024, and the charge-sheet has already been filed. Therefore, there is no likelihood of the applicant tampering with the prosecution evidence. 6. Per contra, learned State Counsel has opposed the prayer for grant of bail. 7. Having considered the rival submissions advanced by learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the material available on record, this Court finds that the co-accused persons have already been granted bail. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the period of incarceration undergone by the applicant and the fact that the charge-sheet has already been filed, this Court is of the considered view that the applicant has made out a case for grant of bail. 8. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court is inclined to enlarge the applicant on bail. The bail application is, accordingly, allowed. 9. Let the applicant be released on bail on furnishing a personal bond and two reliable sureties, each in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the Court concerned, subject to the following conditions: (i) The applicant shall regularly attend the proceedings before the learned Trial Court and shall not seek any unnecessary adjournment. (ii) The applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade such person

			from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer. (iii) The applicant shall not leave the country without obtaining prior permission of the learned Trial Court. 10. It is clarified that, in the event of misuse of the liberty of bail or violation of any of the conditions imposed hereinabove, the complainant/informant shall be at liberty to move an appropriate application before the competent Court seeking cancellation of the applicant's bail. **(Alok Mahra, J.)** 25-11-2026 SB