SL. No.	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGE'S ORDERS
			BA1/2036/2026 Narayan Nath --Applicant **Versus** State Of Uttarakhand --Respondent **Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.** Mr. Aditya Pratap Singh, Advocate for the applicant. Mr. S.C. Dumka, A.G.A. with Mr. Nikhil Bisht, Brief Holder for the State of Uttarakhand. 2. This first bail application has been moved by the applicant seeking regular bail in F.I.R./Case Crime No.51 of 2026, under Section 8/20/29/60 of N.D.P.S. Act, registered at Police Station Champawat, District Champawat. 3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant was merely driving the vehicle from which the alleged recovery of 992 grams of Charas was recovered from the boot of the car. It is contended that the applicant had been engaged only for a single day to drive the said vehicle and was neither the regular driver nor otherwise associated with the ownership or possession of the vehicle. It is, therefore, submitted that the mere fact that the applicant was driving the vehicle at the relevant time does not, by itself, establish his conscious possession of the alleged contraband recovered from its boot. He submits that the co-accused,

			namely, Kalicharan Alias Kalicharan has already been granted bail by this Court on 18.11.2026. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the present case and has been languishing in judicial custody since 28.10.2026. 4. Per contra, learned State Counsel has vehemently opposed the prayer for bail. 5. Having considered the submissions advanced by learned counsel for the parties and upon perusal of the material available on record, this Court finds that the alleged contraband was recovered from the boot of the vehicle and not from the personal possession of the applicant. The applicant's contention that he was engaged merely as a driver for a single day cannot be brushed aside at this stage. Further, the co-accused has already been enlarged on bail by this Court. The applicant has been in judicial custody since 28.10.2026, and his further incarceration, particularly when the trial is likely to take time, does not appear warranted. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court is inclined to enlarge the applicant on bail. 6. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the bail application is allowed. 7. Let the applicant be released on bail, on executing personal bond and furnishing two reliable sureties, each of like amount, to the satisfaction of Court concerned, subject to the following conditions: (i) The applicant shall attend the trial

Court regularly, and, he will 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 this case.

(iii) The applicant shall not leave India without any prior permission of the trial Court.

8. It is clarified that if the applicant misuses or violates any of the conditions, imposed upon him, the complainant/ informant will be free to move the court for cancellation of bail.

(Alok Mahra, J.)
26.11.2026

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