2026:AHC:229125

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 20372 of 2026

Pradeep Kumar Gautam

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s) : Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, Vivek Kumar Singh

Counsel for Opposite Party(s) : G.A.

Court No. - 68

HON'BLE KRISHAN PAHAL, J.

1. List has been revised. Rejoinder affidavit filed today is taken on record.

2. Heard Sri Vivek Kumar Singh, learned counsel for the applicant, Sri Yogesh Mishra, learned State Law Officer for the State and perused the material placed on record.

3. Applicant seeks bail in Case Crime No.176 of 2026, under Section 8/20/27A/29/60 of The Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, Police Station- Chopan, District Sonbhadra, during the pendency of trial.

4. As per the allegations of the FIR, 50.2 kg. of ganja is said to have been recovered from truck no.UP 16AJ 9293.

5. Learned counsel for the applicant has argued that the allegations are per se false. The applicant has been falsely implicated in the present case by the police to show good work. There is no compliance of the mandatory provisions of Sections 52-A and 57 of the N.D.P.S. Act. There is no criminal history of the applicant. The applicant is languishing in jail since 15.05.2026. In case, the applicant is released on bail, he will not misuse the liberty of bail.

6. Learned State Law Officer has vehemently opposed the bail application.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, submissions made by

learned counsel for the parties, the evidence on record, taking into consideration that there is no compliance with the mandatory provisions of Sections 52-A and 57 of the N.D.P.S. Act, 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**.

8. Let the applicant- **Pradeep Kumar Gautam**, 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 he shall not tamper with evidence or intimidate witnesses and shall appear before the trial court as required.

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

(Krishan Pahal,J.)

November 2, 2026
(Ravi Kant)

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