2026:AHC:209137

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 27675 of 2026

Kuli

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 3 Others

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Gyanedra Pratap Singh, Manish Prajapati
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 64

HON'BLE VIVEK VARMA, J.

1. Sri Anupam Anand, learned Brief Holder for the State submits that the notice of the instant application has been served upon the opposite party no.2/informant on 09.08.2026. The receiving endorsement produced by learned A.G.A. is taken on record. However, no one appears on behalf of the said opposite party nor any counter affidavit has been filed on his behalf.

2. Heard counsel for the applicant, Sri Anupam Anand, learned Brief Holder for the State-opposite party. Perused the material available on record.

3. The present bail application has been filed with the prayer to enlarge the applicant on bail in Case Crime No. 57 of 2025, under Sections 137(2), 87, 64(1) B.N.S., Section 3/4 POCSO Act, Police Station- Lalpur/ Pandeypur, District- Varanasi, during the pendency of the trial.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant contends that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the present case. The incident is alleged to have occurred on 31.01.2025, whereas the first information report was lodged on 25.02.2025. The inordinate delay in lodging the first information report is fatal to the prosecution case. The victim is a major. The age of the victim was incorrectly got registered in the school records by the victim's parents to give her advantage in life. There is no lawful basis for the age related entry of the victim in the school records disclosing her age and the entries made are unbelievable. Further, the victim, in her statement recorded under Sections 183 B.N.S.S., stated that she had voluntarily left her house. There is no allegation of any forceful assault against the applicant. The applicant is in jail since 01.09.2025 having no criminal history. In case he is enlarged on bail, he will not misuse the said liberty.

5. Learned Brief Holder for the State has opposed the prayer for bail but could not satisfactorily dispute the aforesaid submissions from the record.

6. Having heard counsel for the parties and having perused the record, this Court *prima facie* finds that the first information report has been lodged belatedly. The victim in her statement recorded under Section 183 B.N.S.S. stated that she had voluntarily left her house. There is no allegation of any forceful assault against the applicant. Further, the applicant has no criminal antecedents and has remained confined for more than a year and there is no hope of early conclusion of trial, more so when no reasonable apprehension has been brought to the fore by the State that the applicant, if enlarged on bail, would either tamper with the evidence or delay the trial or intimidate the witness, without commenting on merits of the case, I am of the opinion that the applicant is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

7. Let the applicant, **Kuli** involved in the aforesaid case be released on bail on his furnishing a personal bond and two sureties each of the like amount to the satisfaction of court concerned on the following conditions that:

i. the applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence;

ii. the applicant shall not pressurize the prosecution witness;

iii. the applicant shall appear on each and every date fixed by the trial court.

8. In case of breach of any of the above conditions, the prosecution shall be at liberty to move bail cancellation application before this Court.

October 6, 2026
Abhishek

(Vivek Varma, J.)

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ABHISHEK SINGH
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad