2026:AHC:209317

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 31406 of 2026

Suraj Sharma

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 3 Others

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Anil Kumar Yadav
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	Dheeraj Kumar Dwivedi, G.A., Pooja Singh

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Court No. - 67

HON'BLE JITENDRA KUMAR SINHA, J.

1. Heard Shri Anil Kumar Yadav, learned counsel for the applicant, Shri Dheeraj Kumar Dwivedi, learned counsel for the first informant, Ms. Pooja Singh, learned counsel for the High Court Legal Services Committee and Shri B.P. Maurya, learned A.G.A. for the State and perused the record.

2. The instant bail application has been filed with a prayer to release the applicant on bail in Case Crime No. 171 of 2026, under Sections 137(2), 87, 65(1) of B.N.S. and Section 5L/6 of POCSO Act, Police Station Sachendi, District Kanpur Nagar, during the pendency of the trial.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant has submitted that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the present case though there is no incriminating material against him. It is further submitted that the victim in her statement recorded under Sections 180 and 183 BNSS has stated that she had left her home on her own free will and she was in love with the applicant and she wants to marry him. It is further submitted that the victim herself has stated that she is aged about 18 years and there are two educational records regarding her date of birth and as per first record her date of birth has been found to be 02.07.2013 and as per second record, her date of birth has been found to be 08.07.2012, however, there is no certificate of high school or certificate of school first attended and no radio-logical examination has been conducted for her age determination. It is further submitted that the victim has refused to undergo medico legal examination. It is further submitted that the applicant is having no criminal history and the applicant has been languishing in jail since 12.05.2026, in case, he is granted bail, he will not

misuse the liberty of bail and would cooperate in the trial proceedings.

4. Per contra, learned counsel for the first informant, learned counsel for the High Court Legal Services Committed and learned A.G.A. have vehemently opposed the prayer for bail and it has been submitted by them that the victim is a minor girl and her consent is immaterial.

5. As per first information report, the applicant is said to have enticed away the daughter of the first informant aged about 15 years, however, the victim has been recovered and the victim in her statement recorded under Sections 180 and 183 BNSS has stated that she had left her home on her own free will and she was in love with the applicant and she wants to marry him. It is further submitted that the victim herself has stated that she is aged about 18 years and there are two educational records regarding her date of birth and as per first record her date of birth has been found to be 02.07.2013 and as per second record, her date of birth has been found to be 08.07.2012, however, there is no certificate of high school or certificate of school first attended and no radio-logical examination has been conducted for her age determination. It is further submitted that the victim has refused to undergo medico legal examination. It is further submitted that the applicant is having no criminal history and the applicant has been languishing in jail since 12.05.2026.

6. Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case, submissions of learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the nature of offence, evidence, complicity of the accused and taking into account overcrowded jails and heavy pendency of criminal cases before the trial courts as well as considering the mandate of the judgement of the Apex Court in the case of ***Kapil Wadhawan vs Central Bureau of Investigation*** reported in 2025 SCC OnLine SC 3038 as well as guideline of this Court in the case of ***Maya Tiwari Vs. State of U.P.*** reported in 2024 SCC Online All 6765 regarding grant of bail and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I am of the opinion that the applicant is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

7. Accordingly, the present application is **ALLOWED**.

8. Let the applicant- **Suraj Sharma** involved in the aforementioned crime be released on bail, on his furnishing a personal bond and two sureties each in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the court concerned, with the following conditions:-

(i) 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 him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence.

(ii) The applicant shall cooperate in the trial/investigation sincerely without seeking any adjournment.

(iii) The applicant shall not indulge in any criminal activity or commission of any crime after being released on bail.

(iv) The applicant shall attend in accordance with the conditions of the bond executed by him.

9. In case of breach of any of the above conditions, it shall be a ground for cancellation of bail.

10. Identity, status and residence proof of the applicant and sureties be verified by the court concerned before the bonds are accepted. Verification of mobile number and Aadhaar card of the applicant as well as sureties should be verified by the court concerned.

11. It is further directed that the trial court shall send the release order to the concerned jail through Bail Order Management System (BOMS) to ensure early release of the applicant.

12. Office is directed to send a copy of this order to the applicant through **Jail Superintendent**, Kanpur Nagar via e-mail or e-prison portal within 24 hours in compliance of the order of the Apex Court in the case of **Policy Strategy for Grant of Bail, In Re: Suo Motu Writ Petition (Crl.) No.4 of 2021 decided on 31.01.2023** reported in (2024) 10 SCC 685.

October 7, 2026
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(Jitendra Kumar Sinha,J.)

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