HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 33215 of 2026

Bhagwati Prashad

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Priyanka Devi, Raj Kumar Sharma
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 68

HON'BLE KRISHAN PAHAL, J.

1. List has been revised.

2. Heard Sri Raj Kumar Sharma, learned counsel for the applicant and Sri R.P. Patel, learned State Law Officer and perused the record.

3. This is the third bail application filed on behalf of the applicant seeking bail in **Case Crime No.** 32 of 2025, **under Sections** 80(2), 85, 115(2), 351(2) of BNS and 3/4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, **Police Station**- Matsen, **District** - Firozabad, during the pendency of trial.

4. The first and second bail applications of the applicant were rejected by this Court vide orders dated 19.8.2025 and 02.04.2026 passed in Criminal Misc. Bail Application Nos. 26682 of 2025 and 10987 of 2026, respectively.

5. As a new ground, learned counsel for the applicant has submitted that the applicant is the father-in-law of the victim. He is languishing in jail since 02.05.2025, as such, the period of incarceration is about one and a half year. In case, the applicant is released on bail, he will not misuse the liberty of bail and shall cooperate with trial.

6. Per contra, learned State Law Officer has vehemently opposed the bail application.

7. This Court had previously called for a status report regarding the progress of the trial. In compliance therewith, a report dated 15.10.2026 has been submitted by the trial court concerned, which reveals that the prosecution evidence stands closed after recording the statements of six witnesses. The report further indicates that the statement of the accused u/s 351 of BNSS

was duly recorded on 27.08.2026, and the matter is currently listed for defence evidence.

8. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, submissions advanced by learned counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the fact that the trial is at its conclusive end, I do not find it a fit case to release the applicant on bail.

9. The bail application is, accordingly, **rejected**.

10. However, the Trial Court is directed to decide the aforesaid case expeditiously, in accordance with law, if there is no legal impediment.

11. It is clarified that the observations made herein are limited to the facts brought in by the parties pertaining to the disposal of bail application and the said observations shall have no bearing on the merits of the case during trial.

12. The Registrar (Compliance) is directed to communicate this order to the Trial Court concerned forthwith for necessary information and compliance.

October 27, 2026
Siddhant

(Krishan Pahal,J.)

Digitally signed by :-
SIDDHANT SAHU
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad