HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 33581 of 2026

Neeraj @ Rishipal

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 3 Others

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Saksham Srivastava, Yasharth Srivastava
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A., Mayank Yadav

Court No. - 67

HON'BLE JITENDRA KUMAR SINHA, J.

1. Heard Sri Yasharth Srivastava, learned counsel for the applicant and Sri Ashish Kumar Tripathi, learned A.G.A. for the State and Sri Mayank Yadav learned counsel for the first informant.

2. The instant bail application has been filed with a prayer to release the applicant on bail in Case Crime No. 203 of 2026, under Sections 352, 351(2), 76, 70(2) BNS and Sections 5G/6 of POCSO, Police Station Lodha, District Aligarh during the pendency of the trial.

3. It is contended by the learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the present case and FIR has been lodged after a delay of one months. It is next submitted that co-accused Sachin has already been granted bail by this Court 23.9.2026 passed in Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. 30670 of 2026 and the role of the applicant is not distinguishable from the role of said co-accused. It is further submitted that the age of the victim has been found to be 14 to 15 as per her radio-logical examination and 14 years and 11 months as per school record of Class 8th, however, there is no High School certificate or the certificate of school first attended and the medico-legal report of the victim does not support the commission of rape on her. It is also submitted that the applicant has been languishing in jail since 9.6.2026 and he is having no criminal history. It is lastly submitted that in case the applicant 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 and learned A.G.A. have vehemently opposed the prayer for bail but could not dispute the aforesaid facts, however, it is submitted that the victim is a minor girl aged about 14 to 15 years as per her radio-logical examination and 14 years and 11 months as per school record of Class 8th and the victim in her statement recorded under Sections 180 and 183 BNSS has stated that the applicant and other co-accused committed gang rape on her.

5. FIR has been lodged after a delay of one month and as per the allegation in the FIR, the applicant and two other co-accused are said to have committed gang rape on the victim, however, the age of the victim has been found to be 14 to 15 years as per her radio-logical examination and 14 years and 11 months as per school record of Class 8th, however, there is no High School certificate or the certificate of school first attended and the medico-legal report of the victim does not support the commission of rape on her and no video or photo as alleged has been recovered during investigation. The applicant has been languishing in jail since 9.6.2026 and he is having no criminal history and co-accused Sachin has already been granted bail by this Court 23.9.2026 passed in Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. 30670 of 2026 and chargesheet has already been submitted.

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- **Neeraj @ Rishipal** 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 **concerned Jail Superintendent** 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.

(Jitendra Kumar Sinha,J.)

October 24, 2026
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