HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. WRITE PETITION No. - 24806 of 2026

Lalit Kumar And 5 Others

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 2 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	:	Mrityunjay Singh
Counsel for Respondent(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 48

HON'BLE CHANDRA DHARI SINGH, J.
HON'BLE TARUN SAXENA, J.

1. The present writ petition has been preferred with the following main reliefs:-

"*(i). Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of certiorari calling for the records of the case and quash the impugned First Information Report dated 07.09.2026, registered as Case Crime No. 660 of 2026, Under Sections 85, 115(2) of BNS & 3/4 D.P. Act, Police Station- Dibai, District- Bulandshahr (Annexure No. 1 to the writ petition).*

(ii) Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents not to arrest the Petitioners in pursuance of the impugned First Information Report dated 07.09.2026, registered as Case Crime No. 660 of 2026, Under Sections 85, 115(2) of BNS & 3/4 D.P. Act, Police Station Dibai, District Bulandshahr. (Annexure No. 1 to the writ petition)."

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners, after some length of arguments on merits, submitted that since the maximum punishment prescribed for the offences alleged in the impugned F.I.R. is up to seven years, he confines his prayer to an innocuous relief that the police authorities may be directed to comply with the mandatory procedure as laid down by the Supreme Court in the case of ***Arnesh Kumar vs. State of Bihar*** reported in ***(2014) 8 SCC 273*** before effecting the arrest of the petitioner.

3. Per contra, learned A.G.A. appearing on behalf of the State vehemently opposed the writ petition on merits but he has no objection to the

innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

4. Heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners, Mr. S.N. Tiwari, learned A.G.A. appearing on behalf of the State and perused the record.

5. Considering the fact that the offences as levelled in the F.I.R. are punishable with imprisonment up to seven years only, coupled with the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners and no objection expressed by learned A.G.A., thereto, this Court is inclined to allow the said innocuous prayer.

6. Accordingly, the writ petition is ***disposed of*** with a direction to the authorities concerned to ensure the procedure of arrest as per the guidelines of the Supreme Court enshrined in the case of ***Arnesh Kumar vs. State of Bihar*** reported in ***(2014) 8 SCC 273*** and the mandate of Section 35(3) of B.N.S.S.

(Tarun Saxena,J.) (Chandra Dhari Singh,J.)

October 28, 2026
SK Srivastava

Digitally signed by :-
SAILESH KUMAR SRIVASTAVA
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