HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 37464 of 2026

Kumar Saurabh

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Manoj Kumar Singh
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A., Sheshadri Trivedi

Court No. - 66

HON'BLE ARUN KUMAR SINGH DESHWAL, J.

1. Heard Sri Manoj Kumar Singh, learned counsel for the applicant, Sri Sheshadri Trivedi, learned counsel for the first informant, Sri DPS Chauhan, learned A.G.A. for the State and perused the record.

2. This is a second bail application filed on behalf of the applicant with a prayer to release him on bail in Case Crime No. 02 of 2026, under Section 103(1), 3(5) B.N.S., Police Station Sarnath, District Varanasi, during the pendency of the trial. The first bail application of the applicant being Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. 4023 of 2026 was rejected on 30.03.2026.

3. Contention of learned counsel for the applicant is that subsequent to the rejection of the first bail application of the applicant, the bail application of the co-accused Jitendra Gupta was allowed by a coordinate Bench of this Court in Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. 28018 of 2026 vide order dated 11.08.2026, as the nature of evidence against the applicant and co-accused Jitendra Gupta is the same. Therefore, the applicant is also entitled to be released on bail on the ground of parity. It is also submitted that till date, charge has not been framed; therefore, there is no likelihood of the trial being concluded in the near future.

4. It is further submitted that co-accused Jitendra Gupta has already been released on bail by a coordinate Bench of this Court in Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. 28018 of 2026 vide order dated 11.08.2026. Therefore, the applicant, having an identical role, is also entitled to be released on bail on the ground of parity. It is further submitted that the applicant has no criminal history. It is further submitted that the charge sheet has been filed in the present case; therefore, there is no requirement for custodial interrogation. The applicant is a law-abiding citizen and has been languishing in jail since 03.01.2026. In case he is granted bail, he will not misuse the liberty of bail and would cooperate in the trial proceedings.

5. Per contra, learned counsel for the first informant as well as learned A.G.A. for the State have vehemently opposed the prayer for bail but could not dispute the aforesaid facts.

6. Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case, the submissions of learned counsel for the parties, and taking into account the fact that the similarly situated co-accused Jitendra Gupta, having a similar role to that of the present applicant, has been enlarged on bail by a coordinate Bench of this Court, and that till date even the charge has not been framed, and keeping in view the nature of the 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 judgment 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 the guidelines of this Court in the case of **Maya Tiwari vs. State of U.P., 2024 SCC OnLine All 6765**, regarding the 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. Accordingly, the present application is **allowed**.

7. Let the applicant-**Kumar Saurabh,** 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.

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

9. Identity, status and residence proof of the applicant and sureties be verified by the court concerned before the bonds are accepted.

10. Verification of mobile number and Aadhaar card of the applicant as well as

sureties should be verified by the court concerned.

11. It is made clear that the applicant shall be released on the basis of computer generated copy of this order, downloaded from the official website of High Court Allahabad and verified by the concerned counsel with the undertaking that the certified copy will be filed within 15 days.

12. 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.

13. Office is directed to send a copy of this order to the applicant through **Jail Superintendent, Varanasi** via e-mail or on e-prison portal and Trial Court via e-mode 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** as well as **Pila Pahan@Peela Pahan and others Vs. State of Jharkhand and another, in Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 169 of 2025,** decided on **29.05.2026.**

14. Application, if any, stands **disposed of**.

(Arun Kumar Singh Deshwal,J.)

October 23, 2026
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High Court of Judicature at Allahabad