HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 36628 of 2026

Sonu Verma @ Lukka @ Shani

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Viveka Nand Rai
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 69

HON'BLE AVNISH SAXENA, J.

1. Heard Sri Viveka Nand Rai, learned counsel for accused applicant, and learned A.G.A. for State.

2. The present bail application has been moved by the applicant/ accused- **Sonu Verma @ Lukka @ Shani** to enlarge him on bail in Case Crime No. 251 of 2026, under Sections 309(4), 317(2), 3(5) of BNS, P.S. Fatehabad, District Agra, during the pendency of trial.

3. It is the contention of learned counsel for applicant that the FIR has been lodged on 5.09.2026 by the informant Ajeet with the allegation that three persons came on bike and have robbed him and his sister of jewellery and after some time, the accused applicant and other co-accused were arrested in police encounter wherein one of the co-accused suffered gun shot injury. Recovery was also shown from the accused applicant. The said recovery was in absence of independent witnesses and on the disclosure statement of accused the accused applicant has also been implicated in the present case. There is one case criminal history of the accused applicant, which was police encounter case, in which the accused applicant has already been granted bail by co-ordinate Bench of this Court in order dated 23.10.2026. Investigation is continuing. The accused applicant is languishing in jail since 06.09.2026 and is cooperating in the investigation. He seeks to be enlarged on bail.

4. Learned A.G.A. for State has opposed the prayer for bail.

5. This Court has taken into consideration the rival submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

6. Considering that the arrest and recovery has been made in absence of independent witnesses and despite disclosure statement there is no incriminating materiel against the accused applicant, the accused/applicant is entitled to be released on bail.

7. Hence, without touching merit of the case, the bail application is **allowed**.

8. The accused/applicant be released on bail in the aforesaid case on furnishing a personal bond and two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of court concerned in view of observation made by the Supreme Court in its dictums of **Girish Gandhi Vs. State of Uttar Pradesh [(2024) 10 SCC 674] and Policy Strategy for grant of bail in re [(2024)10SCC 685].**

9. The accused-applicant shall cooperate in judicial process for fair and speedy disposal.

October 29, 2026
RavindraKSingh

(Avnish Saxena,J.)

Digitally signed by :-
RAVINDRA KUMAR SINGH
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad