HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION U/S 482 BNSS No. - 11119 of 2026

Guddu

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Ansuman, Pradeep Kumar
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 70

HON'BLE RAJIV LOCHAN SHUKLA, J.

1. Heard, Learned counsel for the applicant, the Learned A.G.A. for the State and perused the record.

2. The present anticipatory bail application has been filed on behalf of the applicant in Case Crime No.87 of 2026, under Sections 3/8 Prevention of Cow Slaughter Act, 1955, Police Station- Kokhraj, District Kaushambi, with a prayer to enlarge him on anticipatory bail as the applicant apprehends his arrest in the above-mentioned case.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant has contended that the applicant is not named in the F.I.R. The police registered the F.I.R. against unknown persons on recovery of the remains of some animal, stated to be a cow or its progeny.

4. Learned counsel has further submitted that the police thereafter, on information received from a police informer arrested the co-accused Meraj and in his confessional statement, the name of the applicant surfaced along with four other accused persons.

5. Learned counsel has further contended that the applicant is a soft target as he has a criminal history of one other case under the Cow Slaughter Act, being Case Crime No. 204 of 2016 and on the basis of the said solitary case, the applicant was also implicated in a case under the Gangsters Act, being Case Crime No.593 of 2016. The applicant is on bail in both the cases. The applicant claims to be a butcher by profession

and submits that he is being targeted by the police on account of his profession and the aforesaid criminal history.

6. Learned A.G.A. has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail but does not dispute the factual submissions made by learned counsel for the applicant.

7. Learned A.G.A. has further submitted that a similarly situated co-accused, Sagir Ahmed had filed an anticipatory bail application before this Court and this Court did not grant him anticipatory bail and he was permitted to appear before the concerned court and apply for regular bail. Learned A.G.A. submits that the applicant may also appear before the concerned court and apply for regular bail.

8. I have considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties.

9. Except for the confessional statement of the co-accused, there does not appear to be any direct evidence against the applicant. The criminal history of the applicant has been satisfactorily explained. The applicant claims to be a butcher by profession and submits that he is a soft target for the police. So far as the disposal of the anticipatory bail application of the co-accused, Sagir Ahmed is concerned, in the opinion of this Court, the same was not decided on the merits of the case and learned counsel for the applicant said that co-accused withdrew the application with liberty to file a regular bail application.

10. Taking into account all the facts and circumstances of the case and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I deem it fit to enlarge the applicant on anticipatory bail.

11. In view of the above, the anticipatory bail application of the applicant is allowed.

12. In the event of the arrest of the applicant **Guddu**, he shall be released forthwith in the aforesaid case crime on anticipatory bail on furnishing a personal bond and surety each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Station House Officer of the police station/Court concerned with the

following conditions:-

i. the applicant shall make himself available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;

ii. that 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;

iii. that the applicant shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court;

iv. that the applicant shall not pressurize/intimidate the prosecution witness;

13. In case of breach of any of the above conditions, the Court concerned shall be at liberty to cancel the bail.

14. It is made clear that observations made hereinabove are exclusively for deciding the instant anticipatory bail application and are not to be considered to be an opinion on the merits of the case.

(Rajiv Lochan Shukla,J.)

October 24, 2026
S.A.

Digitally signed by :-
SALMAN AHMAD
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad