HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION U/S 482 BNSS No. - 11248 of 2026

Harshita Vashistha

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Amit Kumar Srivastava
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. 272 of 2026, under Sections 318(4), 338, 336(3), 340 B.N.S., Police Station- Collector Bukganj, District- Bareilly, with a prayer to enlarge her on anticipatory bail as the applicant apprehends her arrest in the above-mentioned case.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant has contended that the applicant is an Assistant Manager in the Gramin Bank. The allegation against her is of diverting money from seven customers' accounts with the bank into her own account. Learned counsel has further submitted that, assuming without admitting that money was transferred by the applicant into her own account, it is also the admitted case of the prosecution in the F.I.R. that the said money has been deposited back into the accounts of the concerned account holders. Learned counsel has further submitted that the applicant was so shocked by her false implication that she, in a fit of panic, tried to commit suicide by taking sleeping pills. The applicant is a young woman aged about 30 years and has no criminal antecedents. She is under suspension in contemplation of departmental inquiry.

4. Learned A.G.A. has opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail, but does not dispute the fact that the disputed amount has been re-deposited in the accounts of the concerned account holders.

5. I have considered the submissions made by the Learned counsel for the

parties and perused the material brought on the record.

6. The disputed amount has been transferred back to the accounts of the account holders. The applicant is presently suspended in contemplation of disciplinary inquiry. The applicant is stated to be a young woman aged about 30 years and she has no criminal antecedents. In the prima facie opinion of the Court, taking note of the entire facts and circumstances of the case, the applicant is not required for any custodial interrogation or recoveries.

7. 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.

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

9. In the event of the arrest of the applicant **Harshita Vashistha**, she 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 herself 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 her 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;

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

11. 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.

October 27, 2026
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(Rajiv Lochan Shukla,J.)

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FAHAD NIYAZ
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad