HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. WRIT PETITION No. - 26955 of 2026

Mohd. Shahid

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of Uttar Pradesh And 3 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	:	Ajay Kumar Srivastava, Rajesh Kumar Singh
Counsel for Respondent(s)	:	G.A.

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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). To issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of certiorari to quashing the impugned First Information Report dated 25.08.2026 registered as Case Crime No. 180 of 2026, Under Sections 294 B.N.S. and Section 67 of Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2000, Police Station Kotwali, District Etawah.*

(ii) To issue a writ order or direction in the nature of mandamus directing to the respondents not to arrest the petitioner in pursuance to impugned First Information Report dated 25.08.2026 registered as Case Crime No. 180 of 2026, Under Sections 294 B.N.S. and Section 67 of Information Technology (Amendment) Act, 2000, Police Station Kotwali, District Etawah."

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, 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 petitioner.

4. Heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, Mr. R.K. Gupta, 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 petitioner 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.)

November 5, 2026
SK Srivastava

Digitally signed by :-
SAILESH KUMAR SRIVASTAVA
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad