



2026:AHC:21666

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 42298 of 2025

Sanjay @ Ramnarayan Lodh

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Amit Kumar Shrivastava, Brijesh Kumar Pandey
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 46

HON'BLE SIDDHARTH, J.

Heard learned counsel for the applicant as well as the learned AGA for the State and perused the material placed on record.

The instant bail application has been filed on behalf of the applicant, **Sanjay @ Ramnarayan Lodh**, with a prayer to release him on bail in **Case Crime No. 279/2022, under Sections 302, 201 of IPC, Police Station- Mohana, District- Siddharth Nagar**, during pendency of trial.

This is the second bail application. The first bail application of applicant was rejected by this Court on 07.05.2025.

The Addl. Sessions Judge/Special Judge SC/ST (PA) Act, Siddharth Nagar, has sent his report dated 22.01.2026 wherein it has been stated that the informant and eye witnesses of the incident are residents of Nepal that correspondence is being carried out with the Home Ministry regarding the service of notice upon the said witnesses, and it is for this reason that the trial has not proceeded further.

Learned counsel for the applicant has submitted that except five witnesses stated above the other witnesses detailed in the charge-sheet are residing in the country and they could very well have been produced before the trial court for examination. As yet not a single witness has been examined before the trial court. The fate of the trial is uncertain. The applicant has been falsely implicated in this case. He has no criminal history to his credit and is languishing in jail since 07.04.2024. The trial in the aforesaid case is not likely to be concluded in near future.

Per contra learned A.G.A. has opposed the prayer for bail of the applicant by contending that the innocence of the applicant cannot be adjudged at pre-trial stage, therefore, he does not deserves any indulgence. In case the applicant is released on bail, he will again indulge in similar activities and will misuse the liberty of bail.

Having considered the submissions of the parties noted above, finding force in the

submissions made by the learned counsel for the applicant, keeping in view the uncertainty regarding conclusion of trial; one sided investigation by police, ignoring the case of accused side; applicant being under-trial having fundamental right to speedy trial; larger mandate of the Article 21 of the Constitution of India, considering the paragraph no.53 of Apex Court in the case of **Manish Sisodia Vs. Directorate of Enforcement 2024, (SC) LawSuit 677** and considering 5-6 times overcrowding in jails over and above their capacity by under trials and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, let the applicant involved in the aforesaid 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 that :-

- (i) The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or threaten the witnesses.
- (ii) The applicant shall file an undertaking to the effect that he shall not seek any adjournment on the dates fixed for evidence when the witnesses are present in Court. In case of default of this condition, it shall be open for the Trial Court to treat it as abuse of liberty of bail and pass orders in accordance with law.
- (iii) The applicant shall remain present before the Trial Court on each date fixed, either personally or as directed by the Court. In case of his absence, without sufficient cause, the Trial Court may proceed against him under Section 229-A of the Indian Penal Code.
- (iv) In case the applicant misuse the liberty of bail during trial and in order to secure his presence, proclamation under Section 82 Cr.P.C. is issued and the applicants fail to appear before the Court on the date fixed in such proclamation then the Trial Court shall initiate proceedings against him in accordance with law under Section 174-A of the Indian Penal Code.
- (v) The applicant shall remain present in person before the Trial Court on the dates fixed for (i) opening of the case, (ii) framing of charge and (iii) recording of statement under Section 313 Cr.P.C. If in the opinion of the Trial Court absence of the applicant is deliberate or without sufficient cause, then it shall be open for the Trial Court to treat such default as abuse of liberty of bail and proceed against him in accordance with law.

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

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

January 30, 2026
Abhishek

(Siddharth,J.)