



2026:AHC:17709

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD
CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 2638 of 2026

Pradeep Sahni

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 3 Others

.....Opposite
Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Akash Kumar Nishad
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 65

HON'BLE DR. GAUTAM CHOWDHARY, J.

1. Shri Sandeep Kumar Yadav, Advocate, has filed his vakaltnama on behalf of informant, which is taken on record.

2. Heard learned counsel for the applicant, learned A.G.A. for the State as well as learned counsel for the informant and perused the record.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that this is the second bail application moved on behalf of applicant. His first bail application was rejected by this Court vide order dated 16.09.2025 passed in Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. 20284 of 2025. Learned counsel further submits that though the victim in her statements recorded before the police and the Magistrate has made specific allegation against the applicant for pushing her in prostitution, but after the first bail application of the applicant was rejected by this Court, the victim (P.W.2) at the trial in her cross-examination has not made any allegation against the applicant and she has not supported the prosecution case, which statement has been filed as Annexure No. 11 to the affidavit filed in support of the bail application. Thus, it is argued that there is bleak chance that prosecution may prove its case beyond reasonable doubt and the applicant may be convicted. Several other submissions in order to demonstrate the falsity of the allegations made against the applicant have also been placed before the Court. The circumstances which, according to the counsel, led to the false implication of the accused have also been mentioned. It has also been assured on behalf of the applicant that he is ready to cooperate with the process of law and shall faithfully make himself available before the court whenever required and is also ready to accept all the conditions which the Court may deem fit to impose upon him. He next submits that applicant is languishing in jail since 23.02.2025, having no criminal history.

4. Per contra, learned A.G.A. as well as learned counsel for the informant have opposed the prayer for bail of the applicant by contending that

innocence of the applicant cannot be adjudged before conclusion of trial, therefore, he does not deserve any indulgence, but they could not disputed that the victim in her statement has not supported the prosecution case during the course of trial and she has been declared hostile.

5. Considering the overall facts and circumstances, the nature of allegations, the gravity of offence and without expressing any opinion on merits, this Court finds it to be a fit case for bail. Accordingly, the bail application stands allowed.

6. Let the applicant-Pradeep Sahni, be enlarged on bail in Case Crime No. 94 of 2025, under Sections 137(2), 98 of B.N.S. and Section 3/4 of Protection of Children From Sexual Offences Act, Police Station- Kotwali, District- Maharajganj, on executing a personal bond and furnishing two local sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the court concerned with the following conditions:

- i) The applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence.
- ii) The applicant shall not threaten or harass the prosecution witnesses.
- iii) The applicant shall appear on the date fixed by the trial court.
- iv) The applicant shall not commit any offence similar to the offence of which the applicant is accused, or suspected of the commission.
- v) 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 such person from disclosing facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence.

7. In case of default of any of the conditions enumerated above, the court concerned shall be at liberty to cancel the bail of applicant in accordance with law.

(Dr. Gautam Chowdhary,J.)

January 27, 2026

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