



2026:AHC:58497

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD
CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 1636 of 2026

Shahnwaj @ Nawaj

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Opposite
Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Nafees Ahmad
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 69

HON'BLE ARUN KUMAR SINGH DESHWAL, J.

1. Heard Sri Nafees Ahmad, learned counsel for the applicant, Sri Roshan Kumar Singh, learned A.G.A. for the State and perused the record.
2. The instant bail application has been filed with a prayer to release the applicant on bail during the trial in Case Crime No.128 of 2025, under Sections 212, 61(2), 308(7), 238, 49, 318(4) B.N.S., Police Station Charthawal, District Muzaffarnagar.
3. Contention of learned counsel for the applicant is that the applicant is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submitted that as per the allegation of the FIR, one Sonu @ Babar after administering some intoxicating substance in the coldrink to the victim (first informant) established physical relationship with the victim and also made video clip of intimacy, thereafter, started blackmailing her. Subsequently, he got married to first informant (victim). However, during investigation, name of the applicant surfaced as one of the main conspirators, who on the basis of above video clip with the assistance of first informant blackmailed the named accused Sonu @ Babar. He further submitted that there is no incriminating material against the applicant to substantiate the allegation levelled against him in the FIR. He further submitted that the co-accused Sadaqat Pradhan having similar role to that of the applicant has been released on bail by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in Criminal Misc. Bail Application No.20822 of 2025 vide order dated 08.12.2025. Therefore, the applicant is also entitled to be released on bail on the ground of parity. Applicant has explained the criminal history of four

cases. The applicant is in jail since 26.04.2025. He further submitted that charge sheet has been filed by the police, therefore, there is no requirement for custodial interrogation. In case the applicant is released on bail, he will not misuse the liberty of bail and would cooperate in the trial proceedings.

4. On the other hand, learned A.G.A. for the State opposed the prayer for bail but could not dispute the aforesaid fact.

5. Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case, submissions of learned counsel for the parties and also keeping in view the nature of offence, evidence, complicity of the accused and also taking into account overcrowded jails and heavy pendency of criminal cases before the trial courts as well as considering the mandate of the judgement of the Apex Court in the case of **Kapil Wadhawan vs Central Bureau of Investigation** reported in **2025 SCC OnLine SC 3038** and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I am of the opinion that the applicant is entitled to be enlarged on bail. Accordingly, the bail application is **allowed**.

6. Let the applicant- **Shahnwaj @ Nawaj** involved in the aforementioned 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:-

i. 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 or tamper with the evidence.

ii. The applicant shall cooperate in the trial/investigation sincerely without seeking any adjournment.

iii. The applicant shall not indulge in any criminal activity or commission of any crime after being released on bail.

iv. The applicant shall attend in accordance with the conditions of the bond executed by him.

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

8. Identity, status and residence proof of the applicant and sureties be

verified by the court concerned before the bonds are accepted.

9. It is made clear that the applicant shall be released on the basis of downloaded copy of this order from the official website of High Court Allahabad and verified by the concerned counsel with the undertaking that the certified copy will be filed within 15 days.

10. It is directed that the trial court shall send the release order to the concerned jail through Bail Order Management System (BOMS) to ensure early release of the applicant.

11. Office is directed to send a copy of this order to the applicant through concerned Jail Superintendent via e-mail or e-prison portal in compliance of the order of the Apex Court in the case of **Policy Strategy for Grant of Bail, In Re: Suo Motu Writ Petition (Crl.) No. 4 of 2021 decided on 31.01.2023 reported in (2024) 10 SCC 685.**

March 20, 2026
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(Arun Kumar Singh Deshwal,J.)