



2026:AHC:18447

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 2693 of 2026

Devendra Kumar @ Pappi

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Opposite
Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Awadh Bihari Pandey
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 66

HON'BLE KRISHAN PAHAL, J.

1. List has been revised.
2. Heard learned counsel for the applicant and Sri Sunil Kumar, learned A.G.A. for the State and perused the material placed on record.
3. Applicant seeks bail in Case Crime No. 325 of 2025, under Section 103(1) BNS, Police Station Jaswantnagar, District Etawah, during the pendency of trial.
4. Learned counsel for the applicant has argued that the applicant is absolutely innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case.
5. Learned counsel for the applicant has further argued that the applicant is not named in the FIR. His name has come up in the statement of the informant himself, subsequently, as an afterthought. Had the applicant been seen by the informant going towards the place of occurrence, his name would have come up in the FIR itself. There is no criminal history of the applicant. The applicant is languishing in jail since 26.9.2025 and he is ready to cooperate with trial. In case, the applicant is released on bail, he will not misuse the liberty of bail.
6. Learned A.G.A. has vehemently opposed the bail application but the submissions raised by the learned counsel for the applicant could not be disputed.
7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, submissions made by

learned counsel for the parties, the evidence on record, taking into consideration the fact that the applicant is not named in the FIR and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, *prima-facie* the Court is of the view that the applicant has made out a case for bail. The bail application is **allowed**.

8. Let the applicant- **Devendra Kumar @ Pappi**, who is involved in aforementioned case 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 subject to following conditions. Further, before issuing the release order, the sureties be verified.

- (i) The applicant shall not tamper with evidence during trial.
- (ii) The applicant shall not pressurise/intimidate with the prosecution witnesses.
- (iii) The applicant shall appear before the trial court on the date fixed.

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

10. It is made clear that observations made in granting bail to the applicant shall not in any way affect the learned trial Judge in forming his independent opinion based on the testimony of the witnesses.

(Krishan Pahal,J.)

January 28, 2026
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