



2026:AHC:127036

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

**CRIMINAL MISC. ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION U/S 482 BNSS No.
- 5236 of 2026**

Phool Jhari Devi

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Opposite
Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s) : Ashutosh Ganguli, Juned Hasan,
Ranjay Kumar
Counsel for Opposite Party(s) : G.A., Manoj Singh Rathaur

Court No. - 7

HON'BLE JAI PRAKASH TIWARI, J.

1. Supplementary affidavit has been filed today in the Court, the same is taken on record.
2. Heard learned counsel for the applicant as well as the learned A.G.A. for the State and perused the record.
3. This application has been moved on behalf of the applicant seeking anticipatory bail in Case Crime No. 240 of 2023, under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468 of IPC, Police Station- Phephna, District-Ballia.
4. It has been submitted by the learned counsel for the applicant that applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present matter due to ulterior motive. It is next submitted that the alleged FIR was lodged on the basis of application moved by the informant under Section 156(3) Cr.P.C., alleging that the applicant was not giving the rent of the shop from last two years. It is further submitted that one Shiv Nath Prasad has executed a sale deed in favour of the applicant on 10.07.2007 relating to shop-in-dispute. The applicant is a bona fide purchaser. It is also submitted that a civil suit regarding cancellation of sale deed is also pending between the parties before the competent court. It is next submitted that applicant is having apprehension of arrest by the police any time in the above-mentioned case, whereas there is no credible evidence against him. If the applicant is enlarged on bail, he will not misuse the

liberty and will cooperate with the investigation/trial.

5. Per contra, learned A.G.A. opposed the prayer for anticipatory bail.

6. In **Sushila Aggarwal and others vs. State (NCT of Delhi) and another, (2020) 5 SCC 1**, the Hon'ble Apex Court has settled the law on the subject finally by holding that the anticipatory bail need not be of limited duration invariably. In appropriate case, it can continue upto conclusion of trial. It has been further held therein that anticipatory bail granted can, depending on the conduct and behavior of the accused, continue after filing of the charge sheet till trial. It has been further held by the Hon'ble Apex Court that while considering an application for grant of anticipatory bail, the court has to consider the nature of the offence, the role of the person, the likelihood of his influencing the course of investigation, or tampering with evidence including intimidating witnesses, likelihood of fleeing justice, such as leaving the country, etc. It has further been held that Courts ought to be generally guided by considerations such as the nature and gravity of the offences, the role attributed to the applicant, and the facts of the case, while considering whether to grant anticipatory bail, or refuse it. Whether to grant or not is a matter of discretion.

7. Considering the settled principles of law regarding anticipatory bail, nature of accusation, role of applicant and all attending facts and circumstances of the case, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, in my view, it is a fit case for anticipatory bail to the applicant till the trial.

8. The application is **allowed** accordingly.

9. The applicant- **Phool Jhari Devi** is directed to appear before the Investigating Officer/Court concerned within a period of 15 days from today along with a copy of this order, and shall furnish personal bond with two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the court concerned, and he shall be released on anticipatory bail till the conclusion of trial, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The applicant shall make himself/herself available before the

Investigating Officer/Court concerned on the date fixed in the matter and will cooperate in the investigation/trial.

(ii) 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/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police office.

(iii) The applicant shall not leave India without the previous permission of the Court and if he/she has passport, the same shall be deposited by him/her before the S.S.P./S.P. Concerned.

10. In case of default of any of the conditions, the same may be a ground for cancellation of protection granted to the applicant.

(Jai Prakash Tiwari,J.)

June 11, 2026

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