



2026:AHC:124323

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 18878 of 2026

Ankit Gupta

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 3 Others

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Sunil Kumar Dubey
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 4

HON'BLE ARUN KUMAR SINGH DESHWAL, J.

1. Heard Sri Sunil Kumar Dubey, learned counsel for the applicant, Sri Rajiv Dwivedi, learned counsel for the first informant (upon appearance filed today) Sri Anand Pratap 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 in Case Crime No.0031 of 2026, under Sections-137(2), 87, 70(2), 123, 351(2) of BNS, 2023 & Section-5(G)6 of POCSO Act, Police Station-Koraon, District-Prayagraj, during the pendency of the trial.

3. Contention of learned counsel for the applicant is that in the FIR, allegation has been made that applicant has enticed away the daughter of the first informant. Subsequently, the statement of the victim was recorded u/s 180 BNSS wherein she stated that she left the house along with the applicant and both of them stayed in Delhi as husband and wife for 15 days and started working in a jeans factory and they have also established physical relationship on two occasions. Subsequently, the statement of victim was also recorded u/s 183 BNSS which is absolutely vague in nature wherein she stated that she was going to school when applicant met her and gave her a laddoo, after consuming which she became unconscious and when she gained consciousness, she found herself in Delhi. Therefore, this statement cannot be relied. It is further submitted that in the statement recorded u/s 180 BNSS, this fact is clear that she herself left the house with the applicant and the medical examination of the victim does not support the story of rape by the applicant. Even otherwise the applicant herself returned home. It is further submitted that applicant is about 19 years old. It is further submitted that the

applicant has no criminal history. It is further submitted that charge sheet has been filed in the present case, therefore, there is no requirement of custodial interrogation. The applicant is languishing in jail since 26.02.2026. In case, he is granted bail, he will not misuse the liberty of bail and would cooperate in the trial proceedings.

4. Per contra, learned counsel for the first informant and learned A.G.A. have vehemently opposed the prayer for bail but could not dispute the aforesaid facts.

5. Considering the entire facts and circumstances of the case, submissions of learned counsel for the parties and keeping in view the nature of offence, evidence, complicity of the accused and 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** as well as guideline of this Court in the case of **Maya Tiwari Vs. State of U.P.** reported in **2024 SCC Online All 6765** regarding grant of bail 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 present application is **allowed**.

6. Let the applicant- **Ankit Gupta**, 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. Verification of mobile number and Aadhaar card of the applicant as well as sureties should be verified by the court concerned.

10. It is further 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 on e-prison portal and Trial Court via e-mode within 24 hours 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** as well as **Pila Pahan@Peela Pahan and others Vs. State of Jharkhand and another**, in **Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 169 of 2025**, decided on **29.05.2026**.

June 1, 2026
S.C.

(Arun Kumar Singh Deshwal,J.)