



2026:AHC:124294

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 18897 of 2026

Pradeen @ Ranjeet Sahani

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Opposite
Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Surendra Mohan Mishra
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 5

HON'BLE JITENDRA KUMAR SINHA, J.

1. Heard Sri Vishweshwar Mani Tripathi, holding brief of Sri Surendra Mohan Mishra, learned counsel for the applicant and Sri Uma Shanker Mishra, 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. 37 of 2026, under Sections 70(1), 3(5) Police Station Chilhiya, District Siddharth Nagar during the pendency of the trial.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant has submitted that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the present case though there is no incriminating material against him. It is further submitted that co-accused Noor Hasan@Imtiyaz Ali and Shivratan have already been granted bail by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court. It is further submitted that the applicant is not named in the FIR and his name has surfaced during investigation in the statement of the first informant recorded under Section 180 BNSS in which it has been alleged that the applicant was found standing near the place of occurrence in order to keep guard when the alleged act was being committed. The applicant has been languishing in jail since 20.4.2026. 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 A.G.A. has vehemently opposed the prayer for bail but could not dispute the aforesaid facts, however, it is submitted that the name of the applicant has surfaced during investigation in the statement of the first informant and the applicant has been assigned the role of keeping guard when the alleged incident was being committed.
5. Co-accused Noor Hasan@Imtiyaz Ali and Shivratan have already been granted bail by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court. The applicant is not named

in the FIR and he has not assigned any role of committing rape and the first informant in his statement has assigned the role of keeping guard to the applicant.

6. 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.

7. Accordingly, the present application is **ALLOWED**.

8. Let the applicant- **Pradeen @ Ranjeet Sahani** 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.

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

10. Identity, status and residence proof of the applicant and sureties be verified by the court concerned before the bonds are accepted. Verification of mobile number and Aadhaar card of the applicant as well as sureties should be verified by the court concerned.

11. 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.

12. Office is directed to send a copy of this order to the applicant through **concerned Jail Superintendent** via e-mail or e-prison portal 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.

June 1, 2026
Abhishek

(Jitendra Kumar Sinha,J.)