



2026:AHC:160797

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 25576 of 2026

Ankit

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 3 Others

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	: Alok Saxena, Anmol Ratan, Indra Raj, Ram Prakash Upadhyay
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	: G.A., Giri Ram Rawat, Indra Deo Mishra, Sangeeta Yadav, Shri Ram (Rawat)

Court No. - 67

HON'BLE JITENDRA KUMAR SINHA, J.

1. Heard Shri Alok Saxena, Shri Anmol Ratan and Shri Indra Raj, learned counsel for the applicant, Ms. Sofia Khan, holding brief of Shri Ram Rawat, learned counsel for the first informant and Shri Manoj Gautam, 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. 44 of 2026, under Sections 70(2), 115(2), 127(5), 351(3) of B.N.S. and Section 5G/6 of POCSO Act, Police Station Jagner, District Agra, 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 the name of the applicant does not find mention in the first information report, however, the victim in her statement recorded under Sections 180 and 183 BNSS has stated that the applicant along with three other co-accused persons committed gang rape on her. It is further submitted that the medico legal report does not support the allegation of commission of rape on the victim and in the pathological report, no spermatozoa has been seen in her vaginal smear. It is further submitted that the age of the victim has been found to be 16 years as per radiological examination report and no video or photo as alleged has been found during investigation. It is further submitted that the charge sheet in this case has already been submitted. It is further submitted that the applicant is having no criminal history and the applicant has been languishing in jail since 09.05.2026, 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 and it has been submitted by them that the victim is aged about 13 yeas and she has categorically stated that the applicant and three co-accused persons have committed gang rape on her. It is further submitted that

the age of the victim has been found to be 14 years as per certificate issued by the Headmaster of the Primary School, however, he does not dispute the fact that the said certificate is not a certificate of school first attended.

5. Applicant is not named in the FIR and as per first information report, co-accused Atul is said to have committed rape on the victim aged about 13 years, however, the victim in her statement recorded under Sections 180 and 183 BNSS has stated that the applicant along with three other co-accused persons committed gang rape on her. It is further submitted that the medico legal report does not support the allegation of commission of rape on the victim and in the pathological report, no spermatozoa has been seen in her vaginal smear. It is further submitted that the age of the victim has been found to be 16 years as per radiological examination report and no video or photo as alleged has been found during investigation. It is further submitted that the charge sheet in this case has already been submitted. It is further submitted that the applicant is having no criminal history and the applicant has been languishing in jail since 09.05.2026.

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- **Ankit** 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 **Jail Superintendent**, Agra 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.

August 3, 2026
RKM

(Jitendra Kumar Sinha,J.)