

Vinod Gaud vs State Of U.P. And 3 Others on 1 April, 2025

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HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

?Neutral Citation No. - 2025:AHC:45014

Court No. - 65

Case :- CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 3520 of 2025

Applicant :- Vinod Gaud

Opposite Party :- State Of U.P. And 3 Others

Counsel for Applicant :- Janardan Yadav

Counsel for Opposite Party :- G.A.

Hon'ble Krishan Pahal,J.

1. List has been revised.
2. Heard Sri Janardan Yadav, learned counsel for the applicant, Sri Sunil Kumar, learned A.G.A. for the State as well as perused the material placed on record.
3. Rejoinder affidavit filed by the learned counsel for the applicant today is taken on record.
4. Learned A.G.A. has informed that the notice to the informant has been served on 04.02.2025 but none is present on behalf of the informant.
5. Applicant seeks bail in Case Crime No. 452 of 2024, under Sections 137(2), 87, 64(1) of BNS and Section 3/4 of POCSO Act Police Station Ahraula, District Azamgarh, during the pendency of trial.

6. Learned counsel for the applicant has argued that the applicant is absolutely innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. He has nothing to do with the said offence. The FIR is delayed by about two days and there is no explanation of the said delay caused. The victim is a consenting party as is but evident from her statement recorded under Section 183 BNSS. The victim by her physical appearance seems to be major, although age of the victim has come up to be 16 years and 3 months.

7. Several other submissions have been made on behalf of the applicant to demonstrate the falsity of the allegations made against him. The circumstances which, as per counsel, led to the false implication of the applicant have also been touched upon at length.

8. There is no criminal history of the applicant. The applicant is languishing in jail since 29.10.2024 and he is ready to cooperate with trial. In case, the applicant is released on bail, he will not misuse the liberty of bail.

9. Learned A.G.A. has vehemently opposed the bail application.

10. In light of the judgement of the Supreme Court passed in Niranjana Singh and another vs Prabhakar Rajaram Kharote and others AIR 1980 SC 785, this Court has avoided detailed examination of the evidence and elaborate documentation of the merits of the case as no party should have the impression that his case has been prejudiced. A prima facie satisfaction of case is needed but it is not the same as an exhaustive exploration of the merits in the order itself.

11. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, the evidence on record, and taking into consideration the settled law of the Supreme Court passed in Satender Kumar Antil vs. Central Bureau of Investigation and Ors., 2022 INSC 690 and Manish Sisodia vs. Directorate of Enforcement, 2024 INSC 595 and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the Court is of the view that the applicant has made out a case for bail. The bail application is allowed.

12. Let the applicant- Vinod Gaud, 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.

(ii) The applicant shall remain present, in person, before the Trial Court on dates fixed for (1) opening of the case, (2) framing of charge and (3) recording of statement under Section 313 Cr.P.C. If in the opinion of the Trial Court absence of the applicant is deliberate or without sufficient cause, then it shall be open for the Trial Court to treat such default as abuse of liberty of bail and proceed against him in accordance with law.

13. In case of breach of any of the above conditions, it shall be a ground for cancellation of bail.
14. 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.

Order Date :- 1.4.2025/Sumit S (Justice Krishan Pahal)