



In the Court of Special Judge [S.C./S.T. (Prevention of Atrocities) Act]

Present: Ashok Kumar XIII (J.O. Code - UP2392)

Anticipatory Bail Application No. 404/2026

1. Satyapal alias Chhotu, aged about 33 years, son of Shri Ramautar Singh, resident of Nagla Chandan, Police Station Jasrathpur, District Etah.
2. Munnalal, aged about 29 years, son of Shri Sugarlal, resident of Naktai Khurd, Police Station Aliganj, District Etah, at present Nagla Chandan, Police Station Jasrathpur, District Etah.

versus

State of Uttar Pradesh

Under sections - 191(2), 191(3), 132, 190, 109(1), 115(2) BNS and Section 7 of Criminal Law Amendment Act.

Case Crime No - 110/2025

Police Station - Jasrathpur, Etah.

Date: 25.03.2026

1. The present anticipatory bail application has been moved on behalf of the applicants/accused, Satyapal alias Chhotu and Munnalal, seeking pre-arrest bail in Case Crime No. 110/2025, under Sections 191(2), 191(3), 132, 190, 109(1), and 115(2) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Section 7 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, pertaining to Police Station Jasrathpur, District Etah. The application is supported by an affidavit filed by the applicants, who assert that they are respectable citizens with no criminal antecedents and are being falsely implicated.
2. The prosecution's case, as per the First Information Report lodged by Sub-Inspector Satyaprakash, is that on October 22, 2025, while on patrol for maintaining law and order, he received telephonic information from Rajbhan alias Goli (Village Head) regarding some boys roaming near the house of Sukhveer with illegal weapons. Upon reaching the spot, the police saw some boys fleeing into the fields. Subsequently, a confrontation occurred where two groups, including the named applicants and several others, armed with lathis, sticks, iron pipes, and rods, began attacking each other. Despite police intervention, the groups allegedly engaged in scuffling with the police personnel and continued the assault. It is further alleged that some

individuals fired two rounds with the intent to kill, causing panic and stampede-like conditions in the locality. The FIR was lodged on the same day at 16:15 hours.

3. The learned counsel for the applicants argued that the entire prosecution story is a concoction and a result of a distorted narrative. It was submitted that the applicants are innocent and have been falsely named due to local enmity. It is emphasized that the Village Head, Rajbhan, was the one who actually informed the police about the disturbance, yet he and the applicants were subsequently made accused. A significant ground raised is that although the FIR alleges firing and a violent clash, no police personnel sustained any injuries, casting doubt on the veracity of the encounter. Furthermore, it is highlighted that several co-accused, including Rajbhan alias Goli, Lavkush, and others, have already been granted bail by the Sessions Court/Special Court on November 3 and November 6, 2025. The applicants claim they have a clean criminal record, are permanent residents of the area, and pose no flight risk.
4. The prosecution has vehemently opposed the anticipatory bail application, relying on the police report which suggests that the applicants are named/wanted accused in a serious matter involving public disorder and an attack on the police party. It is argued that there is sufficient evidence of their involvement and that the gravity of the offence, which includes rioting and use of dangerous weapons, warrants custodial interrogation. The prosecution expressed apprehension that if granted liberty, the applicants might intimidate witnesses, tamper with evidence, or fail to cooperate with the ongoing investigation. The criminal history of the applicants was mentioned as a point of concern, though the applicants have denied any prior convictions or pending cases.
5. I have considered the rival submissions and perused the material available on record. The core accusation involves a group clash and alleged use of firearms in the presence of police. However, it is pertinent to note that no injuries were reported on the side of the police personnel. The applicants have raised a plausible defense regarding the background of the incident and have pointed out that co-accused persons have already been admitted to regular bail. In matters of anticipatory bail, the principles laid down in ***Sushila Aggarwal v. State (NCT of Delhi) 2020 INSC 106*** and ***Md. Asfak Alam v. State of Jharkhand (2023) SCC Online SC 892*** emphasize that the court must balance individual liberty with the needs of the investigation. Given that the FIR was lodged in October 2025 and the investigation is ongoing, and considering the lack of specific injury to the public servants and the rule of parity with co-accused, the custodial interrogation of the applicants does not appear indispensable at this stage.

There is no substantial evidence produced by the prosecution to suggest a high risk of the applicants absconding or tampering with evidence that cannot be mitigated by stringent conditions. Considering the totality of facts and circumstances, the submissions made, and the material on record, the applicants are granted bail.

Order

The anticipatory bail application of accused **(1) Satyapal alias Chhotu, son of Shri Ramautar Singh and (2) Munnalal, son of Shri Sugarlal**, in Case Crime No. 110/2025, under Sections 191(2), 191(3), 132, 190, 109(1), 115(2) BNS and Section 7 of Criminal Law Amendment Act, Police Station Jasrathpur, District Etah is hereby **allowed**.

It is directed that in the event of arrest of the applicants/accused in connection with the aforesaid Case Crime Number, they shall be released on bail upon furnishing a personal bond in the sum of **50,000** each and **two sureties** each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer/Investigating Officer/Court concerned, subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicants/accused shall appear before the court concerned on each date fixed in the case.
2. The applicants/accused shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence nor pressurize the prosecution witnesses.
3. The applicants/accused shall not indulge in any criminal activity or commission of any crime after being released on bail.
4. The applicants/accused shall not leave the country without prior permission of the court.
5. The applicants/accused shall inform the court regarding any change in their residential address.
6. The accused will fully cooperate in the ongoing investigation and shall make themselves available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required.

In case of breach of any of the above conditions, the prosecution shall be at liberty to move an application for cancellation of bail.

Date:25.03.2026

(Ashok Kumar XIII)
Special Judge [S.C./S.T. (PA) Act] , Etah