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

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

Bail Application No. 429/2026

Munnalal, aged about 29 years, son of Shri Sugarlal, resident of Naktai Khurd, Police Station Aliganj, District Etah; present address Nagla Chandan, Police Station Jasrathpur, District Etah.

versus

State of Uttar Pradesh

Under sections – 191(2), 191(3), 190, 132, 109(1), 115(2), 117(2) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 7 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act.

Case Crime No. – 110/2025

Police Station – Jasrathpur District – Etah

Date: 11.03.2026

1. The present regular bail application has been moved on behalf of the applicant/accused Munnalal, as described above, in Case Crime No. 110/2025, involving offences under Sections 191(2), 191(3), 190, 132, 109(1), 115(2), 117(2) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Section 7 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, pertaining to Police Station Jasrathpur, District Etah. The applicant seeks his release on bail during the pendency of the trial.
2. The narrative of the prosecution, as detailed in the First Information Report (FIR), originates from an incident dated October 22, 2025. According to the informant, Sub-Inspector Satyaprakash, while on patrol duty for maintaining law and order with his team, received telephonic information from Rajbhan alias Goli (Village Pradhan) that certain youths were roaming near the house of one Sukhveer with unauthorized weapons. Upon reaching the spot at village Nagla Chandan, the police team observed some boys fleeing into the fields. While investigating the

identity of the fleeing individuals near Sukhveer's house, a violent confrontation erupted between two groups, including the applicant Munnalal, Rajbhan, and several others named and unnamed. The groups, armed with lathis, iron pipes, and rods, allegedly attacked each other. The police personnel attempted to intervene, but the accused persons reportedly engaged in scuffling and pushing the police officers. During the chaos, two rounds were fired by unidentified members of the mob with the intent to kill, causing panic among the villagers and police. The FIR further states that the groups eventually left for the hospital with their respective injured members.

3. The grounds for bail, as argued by the applicant, are that he has been falsely implicated by the local police and has committed no such offence. It is contended that this is the applicant's first bail application and that he has no prior criminal history. The applicant emphasizes that the FIR was lodged with a significant delay on October 22, 2025, at 16:15 hours for an incident occurring at midnight, without any plausible explanation for the delay despite the police station being only 12 kilometers away. Furthermore, it is argued that there are no independent or impartial public witnesses to the incident; the entire prosecution story relies solely on the testimony of police personnel. The applicant clarifies that he is a poor laborer residing at the house of co-accused Rajbhan alias Goli, where he tends to cattle, and had no motive to engage in a fight with the police or villagers. It is also highlighted that no injury was sustained by any police personnel, making it a "no-injury" case regarding the officials. Crucially, the applicant seeks parity, stating that co-accused Rajbhan alias Goli was granted bail on November 06, 2025, and other co-accused persons including Lavkush, Ashu, Sukhveer, Ankit, and Anshul were granted bail on November 03, 2025. The applicant has been in judicial custody since March 02, 2026.
4. The prosecution has vehemently opposed the bail application, arguing that the offences are serious and involve a direct challenge to the authority of the state, as police personnel were pushed and scuffled with while performing their duties. It is contended that the use of firearms in a public place created an atmosphere of terror, forcing villagers to lock themselves in their homes. The prosecution argues that if released on bail, the applicant might tamper with evidence, influence witnesses, or abscond to evade trial. While the bail status of co-accused persons is noted, the prosecution maintains that the gravity of the collective violence outweighs the grounds for individual liberty in this instance.

5. Having considered the rival submissions, the core accusation against the applicant involves participation in a violent group clash and obstructing public servants in the discharge of their duties. The applicant's primary defense rests on the lack of independent witnesses, the delay in the FIR, the absence of injuries to the police party, and the principle of parity with co-accused who have already been enlarged on bail. Upon evaluation, it is observed that several co-accused persons with similar roles have already been granted bail by this court in November 2025. Furthermore, the applicant has no reported criminal antecedents and is a laborer by profession. There is no substantial evidence produced currently to suggest a high risk of absconding or tampering. Considering the totality of facts and circumstances, the submissions made, and the material on record, the applicant is granted bail.

Order

The bail application of accused Munnalal, son of Shri Sugarlal, resident of Naktai Khurd, Police Station Aliganj, District Etah (presently Nagla Chandan, P.S. Jasrathpur, District Etah), in Case Crime No. 110/2025, under Sections 191(2), 191(3), 190, 132, 109(1), 115(2), 117(2) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 7 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, Police Station Jasrathpur, District Etah is hereby allowed.

The applicant/accused shall be released on bail upon furnishing a personal bond in the sum of **Rs. 50,000/-** and two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the court concerned, subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant/accused shall appear before the court concerned on each date fixed in the case.
2. The applicant/accused shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence nor pressurize the prosecution witnesses.
3. The applicant/accused shall not indulge in any criminal activity or commission of any crime after being released on bail.
4. The applicant/accused shall not leave the country without prior permission of the court.
5. The applicant/accused shall inform the court regarding any change in his residential address.

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: 11.03.2026

(Ashok Kumar XIII)
Special Judge [SC/ST (PA) Act]
Etah