

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
AT JODHPUR**

S.B. Criminal Miscellaneous Bail Application No. 9344/2026
CNR: RJHC010653122026 | URN: CRLMB / 20338U / 2026

1. Prabhulal S/o Jiva Ji Madra, Aged About 49 Years, Goran Falal Lavana, Police Station Baghpura, District Udaipur, Raj. (Presently Lodged In District Jail Doongarpur)
2. Sohanlal S/o Ramlal, Aged About 42 Years, Kanuwada Dara Fala, Police Station Rishabhdev, District Udaipur, Rajasthan (Presently Lodged In District Jail Doongarpur)

-----Petitioners

Versus

State Of Rajasthan, Through Pp

-----Respondent

Connected With

S.B. Criminal Miscellaneous Bail Application No. 8501/2026
CNR: RJHC010607402026 | URN: CRLMB / 18462U / 2026

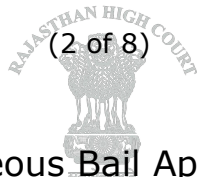
1. Harish S/o Shri Shankarlal, Aged About 30 Years, R/o Amjhara Fala Karni Mata, Police Station Bichhiwada, District Dungarpur. (Lodged In District Jail Dungarpur)
2. Bherulal S/o Shri Prabhulal, Aged About 29 Years, R/o Gorna Lanwa, Fala, Police Station Baghpura, District Udaipur (Lodged In District Jail Dungarpur)
3. Babulal S/o Shri Dita @ Devilal, Aged About 28 Years, R/o Dara Fala, Bilkhai, Kanuwada, Police Station Rishabhdev, District Udaipur. (Lodged In District Jail Dungarpur)
4. Shankar Lal S/o Shri Dita @ Devilal, Aged About 35 Years, R/o Dara Fala, Bilkhai, Kanuwada, Police Station Rishabhdev, District Udaipur. (Lodged In District Jail Dungarpur)
5. Rakesh S/o Shri Dita @ Devilal, Aged About 45 Years, R/o Dara Fala, Bilkhai, Kanuwada, Police Station Rishabhdev, District Udaipur. (Lodged In District Jail Dungarpur)
6. Anil Kalasua S/o Rakesh Ji, Aged About 22 Years, R/o Dara Fala, Bilkhai, Kanuwada, Police Station Rishabhdev, District Udaipur. (Lodged In District Jail Dungarpur)
7. Narayan S/o Shri Urf Bada, Aged About 40 Years, R/o Dara Fala, Bilkhai, Kanuwada, Police Station Rishabhdev, District Udaipur. (Lodged In District Jail Dungarpur)
8. Dinesh S/o Kailash Ji, Aged About 30 Years, R/o Dara Fala, Bilkhai, Kanuwada, Police Station Rishabhdev, District Udaipur. (Lodged In District Jail Dungarpur)

-----Petitioners

Versus

State Of Rajasthan, Through Pp

-----Respondent



S.B. Criminal Miscellaneous Bail Application No. 8961/2026
CNR: RJHC010634202026 | URN: CRLMB / 19459U / 2026

- 1. Amit Kumar S/o Shri Hemraj, Aged About 43 Years, Resident Of Radhika Nagar, Bhilai City, Police Station Supol, District Durg, State Of Chhattisgarh. (Presently Lodged In Central Jail Dungarpur.)
- 2. Palash Gulhani S/o Shri Kundalik Gulhani, Aged About 30 Years, Resident Of 220, Rajeev Nagar, Supela, Bhilai, Police Station Supela, District Durg, State Of Chhattisgarh. (Presently Lodged In Central Jail Dungarpur.)
- 3. Ashish Masih S/o Shri Anil Masih, Aged About 32 Years, Resident Of Bistrampur, Bispara, Police Station Simga, District Baloda Bazar, State Of Chhattisgarh. (Presently Lodged In Central Jail Dungarpur.)

-----Petitioners

Versus

State Of Rajasthan, Through Public Prosecutor

-----Respondent

For Petitioner(s)	: Mr. M.A. Siddiqui Mr. Sikander Khan Mr. Dinesh Kumar Godara Mr. Vipul Tiwari (through VC)
For Respondent(s)	: Mr. Deepak choudhary, GA-cum-AAG Mr. Lalit Koshor Sen, PP Mr. Urja Ram Kalbi, PP Mr. Ravindra Singh Bhati, AGA
For Complainant(s)	: Mr. Moti Singh Mr. Chhagan Purohit, Dy.SP, Circle Officer, Rishabhdeo Circle, District Udaipur. Mr. Hemant Ahari, SHO, P.S. Rishabhdeo, District Udaipur.

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNIL BENIWAL

Order

23/07/2026

1. These applications for bail have been filed by the petitioners under Section 483 of BNSS (old Section 439 of Cr.P.C.). The requisite details of the matter are tabulated herein below:

S.No.	Particulars of the Case	
1.	FIR Number	0159/2026
2.	Date of lodging FIR	06.06.2026
3.	Concerned Police Station	Rishabhdev
4.	District	Udaipur
5.	Offences alleged in the FIR	Sections 299, 302, 196(1) (a) of BNS, 2023 and 3/5(1) of the Rajasthan Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2025.
6.	Offences added, if any	----

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in the case and false allegations have been levelled against them. He submits that the petitioners have been arrested merely on the apprehension and as a matter of fact no offence as alleged in the FIR has been committed by the present petitioners.

2.1. While elaborating his submissions, learned counsel contends that the petitioners have been arrested with the allegation that they were indulged in the forceful religious conversion and they were part of the religious camp, which was scheduled on 5th, 6th and 7th June, 2026. He submits that the camp was merely a religious assembly, however, they had no intention of any forceful conversion. He submits that neither any objectionable material nor any other material so as to implicate the present petitioners in the crime in question was recovered from the camp. So far as petitioner - Prabhulal is concerned, learned counsel submits that

he was not present at the time of alleged incident as his mother had expired.

2.2. He submits that petitioners do not have any criminal antecedents. The petitioners - Prabhulal and Sohanlal are in judicial custody since 14.06.2026 and petitioners - Harish, Bherulal, Babu Lal, Shankar Lal, Rakesh, Anil Kalasua, Narayan, Dinesh, Amit Kumar, Palash and Ashish are in judicial custody since 06.06.2026.

Based on the above submissions, it is contended that the trial will take sufficiently long time, therefore, they deserve to be enlarged on bail.

3. Per contra, learned Additional Advocate General so also learned counsel appearing on behalf of the complainant vehemently and fervently oppose these bail applications and submit that there are serious allegations against the present petitioners, who are working in the organized syndicate and are indulged in forceful religious conversion.

3.1. Learned AAG submits that that investigation so far made indicate that Amit Kumar is running a society in Chhattisgarh and he along with Palash and Ashish travelled from Chhattisgarh to Rishabhdev, Distt. Udaipur to attend the camp. The text messages recovered from mobile phone of Amit Kumar clearly show that he is involved in religious conversion activities. As per the details recovered from the mobile of accused Amit Kumar, his connection is found with petitioner Harish and both Harish and Amit Kumar are found to be connected with one Ankur Narula who is stated to be in Punjab. The other petitioners have been named by the

witnesses, who are local persons and during investigation have been found to be providing support in organizing such camps and pursuing local public to attend such camps. Petitioner – Prabhu Lal is father-in-law of Harish and petitioner – Bheru Lal is son of Prabhulal. Petitioner – Sohan Lal alongwith petitioner – Prabhu Lal arranged tent for the camp which was scheduled on 5th, 6th and 7th June, 2026. Similarly, other petitioners namely Harish, Bherulal, Babu Lal, Shankar Lal, Rakesh, Anil Kalasua, Narayan, Dinesh, Amit, Palash and Ashish are also prima facie found to be involved in pursuing local residents to attend camp and aiding in carrying out the camp. That apart, religious material was recovered from Harish, Bheru Lal, Babu Lal, Amit Kumar, Palash and Ashish.

3.2. The petitioner – Harish is owner of society namely Apam and Shalomi Welfare Society, Udaipur which is indulged in promoting religious activities in the State of Rajasthan. He is connected with one Ankur Narula and shares information with him qua the conversions carried out so also there are frequent monetary transactions between them. In the past four years, he has converted 150-200 people.

3.3. So far as presence of petitioner – Prabhulal is concerned, he submits that the witnesses who were being forced at the time of incident have stated in their statements recorded under Section 180 BNSS that Prabhulal was present at the camp.

3.4. As far as petitioner – Babu Lal is concerned, he is cousin brother of petitioner - Sohan Lal and he was also found to be involved in making necessary arrangements for organizing the camp. It is submitted by learned AAG that investigation is yet to

be concluded and the role of all the petitioners is prima facie made out from the investigation made so far and there are other accused who are yet to be arrested, therefore, the petitioners being involved in an organized syndicate may tamper with the evidence. Therefore, they are not entitled to be enlarged on bail.

4. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material available on record.

5. From perusal of the case diary, the following role of the petitioners emerges:

(i) **Amit Kumar** – He is owner of a society namely Anugrah Jyoti Sansthan, Durg, Chhattisgarh which is involved in promotion of religious activities. He connected with petitioner – Harish to conduct the camp at Rishabhdev, Udaipur and travelled from Chhattisgarh to the said place alongwith petitioners – Palash and Ashish. He has text messages with one Ankur Narula discussing about the protest against Religious Conversion Bill and there are monetary transactions between them.

(ii) **Harish** – He is owner of society namely Apam and Shalomi Welfare Society, Udaipur which is indulged in promoting religious activities in the State of Rajasthan. He married with the daughter of petitioner – Prabhulal and engaged Prabhulal in carrying out the camp. He has shared information with one Ankur Narula qua the conversions carried out so also there are frequent monetary transactions between them.

(iii) **Palash** – He manages the affairs of the society owned by petitioner – Amit Kumar. He accompanied the petitioner – Amit Kumar to Rishabhdev, Udaipur.

(iv) **Ashish** – He works at the society owned by the petitioner – Amit Kumar and accompanied him to Rishabhdev, Udaipur.

(v) **Bherulal** – He is son of petitioner – Prabhulal and connected with petitioner – Harish in the year 2024 and has been engaged with them in carrying out the camps including the camp in question.

(vi) **Babulal** – He arranged the land for carrying out the camp and connected with petitioners – Rakesh, Shankar, Anil, Narayan and Dinesh. The books were recovered from his home.

(vii) **Prabhulal** – He is father-in-law of petitioner – Harish and assisted him arranging the tents for the camp.

(viii) **Sohan** – He is cousin brother of petitioner – Babulal and met petitioner – Harish through Babulal and thereafter, started assisting him with the camps including arranging tents for the camp in question.

(ix) **Shankar, Rakesh, Anil, Narayan and Dinesh** – They met petitioner – Harish through petitioner – Babulal and assisted in carrying out the camp.

6. Having considered the rival submissions, facts and circumstances of this case and after perusing the case diary so also considering the fact that the involvement of all the petitioners is prima facie reflected from the case diary; the nature of

allegations; the investigation is yet to be concluded so also considering the totality of the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioners on bail at this stage.

7. Accordingly, these bail applications are dismissed. However, the petitioners would be at liberty to move fresh bail applications after filing of challan.

(SUNIL BENIWAL),J