

**HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND AT NAINITAL**

**Short Term Bail Application No. 4 of 2026**

**In**

**Criminal Appeal No. 459 of 2025**

Saurabh Bhaskar and another .....Appellants

Versus

State of Uttarakhand .....Respondent

Present:-

Mr. Gaurav Singh and Ms. Sadaf Gaur, Advocates for  
the appellant.

Mr. V.S. Rawat, A.G.A. for the State.

**Coram: Hon'ble Ravindra Maithani, J.**

**Hon'ble Siddhartha Sah, J.**

**Hon'ble Ravindra Maithani, J. (Oral)**

Instant appeal has been preferred against the judgment and order dated 30.05.2025, passed in Sessions Trial No. 01 of 2023, State of Uttarakhand Vs. Pulkit Arya and others, by the Court of Additional Sessions Judge, Kotdwar, District Pauri Garhwal. By it, the appellants has been convicted under Section 302, 201 IPC and Section 5 (1) (d) of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 and sentenced accordingly.

2. The appellant Saurabh Bhaskar seeks short term bail on the ground that his mother has passed away in the recent past. He was released for a day for performing the last rites. Now, *terahvi* is scheduled on 21.05.2026. Therefore, he may be released for performing the rituals of *terahvi* on 21.05.2026.

3. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

4. Learned counsel for the appellant Saurabh Bhaskar submits that the appellant is the only son; his mother has passed away; he has to perform the rituals of *terahvi* on 21.05.2026.

5. Learned State counsel admits that the mother of the appellant Saurabh Bhaskar has passed away in the recent past; he was released from the custody for a day, so as to enable him to perform last rites of his mother.

6. Without adverting to the merits, purely on humanitarian ground, this Court is of the view that the appellant Saurabh Bhaskar may be enlarged on short term bail for 24 hours.

7. Let the appellant Saurabh Bhaskar be released on short term bail for a period of 24 hours from the date of his release, subject to his furnishing a personal bond and two reliable sureties of the like amount, to the satisfaction of the court concerned.

8. After expiry of the period of short term bail, the appellant shall surrender before the court concerned and an information shall be forwarded to this Court.

9. Short term bail application is allowed accordingly.

10. List on 30.06.2026 for hearing on the bail application.

(Siddhartha Sah, J.)

19.05.2026

(Ravindra Maithani, J.)