



HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

**CRIMINAL MISC. ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION U/S 482 BNSS No.
- 1061 of 2026**

Archana Thapa

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Opposite
Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s) : Rudra Pratap Pandey, Sr. Advocate
Counsel for Opposite Party(s) : G.A., Kristen Sleeth, Meera Devi,
Yashpal Yadav

Court No. - 72

HON'BLE JITENDRA KUMAR SINHA, J.

1. Heard Sri Vidhu Bhushan, learned Senior Advocate assisted by Sri R.P. Pandey, learned counsel for the applicant, Sri Prashant Bharadwaj and Ms. Kristen Sleeth, learned Counsel for the first informant and Sri Uma Shankar Mishra, learned A.G.A. for the State and perused the record.

2. The present application has been moved seeking anticipatory bail in Case Crime no. 0106 of 2025 under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC, Police Station Phase-1, Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar with the prayer that in the event of arrest, the applicant may be released on bail.

3. It is contended by learned Senior Counsel appearing for the applicant that some commercial transaction has been given colour of criminality and the money which has been deposited in the account of the company of the applicant and she is not concerned with the said amount and the only allegation is that the first informant was asked to have a talk with the applicant and two other co-accused persons namely Madhur Sehgal and Amanpreet Singh. Co-accused Madhur Sehgal has already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 12.11.2025 passed in Crl. Misc. Anticipatory Bail Application No. 8656 of 2025. It was also submitted that applicant has no criminal history to her credit and she undertakes to co-operate during trial and she would appear as and when required by the investigating agency or Court. It has been stated that in

case the applicant is granted anticipatory bail, she shall not misuse the liberty of bail and will co-operate with the investigation and would obey all conditions of bail.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the first informant opposed the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail and submits that applicant has concealed her criminal history and she is having criminal history of one case in which, her application for grant of anticipatory bail has been rejected by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. He further submits that applicant has not been co-operating in the said case and as per records of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, she is said to be the director of the company in question.

5. Learned A.G.A. also opposed the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail, however, he submits that there is no instructions whether process of proclamation has been issued against the applicant or not.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, let the applicant **Archana Thapa** in the event of her arrest, be released on interim anticipatory bail on her furnishing a personal bond of Rs. 50,000/- with two sureties each in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Court concerned **till 12.3.2026** with the following conditions:-

(i) The applicant shall not tamper with evidence and that she would appear before the trial Court on the date fixed unless exempted by the Court concerned;

(ii) The applicant shall not directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her/them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;

(iii) The applicant would co-operate during trial and would not misuse the liberty of bail.

(iv) The applicant shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court concerned.

7. In default of any of the conditions, the prosecution shall be at liberty to file appropriate application for cancellation of anticipatory bail granted to the applicant.

8. Put up this case as fresh on 12.3.2026 at 02.00 p.m.

9. In the meantime, learned AGA is directed to obtain updated instructions whether the applicant was the director the company in question at the relevant point of time when the alleged incident is said to have taken place.

10. Learned counsel for the first informant may also file counter affidavit, if he so desires, by the next date fixed.

(Jitendra Kumar Sinha,J.)

February 4, 2026

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