



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Criminal Appeal No(s). /2026  
SLP (CrL.) No(s). 3414/2026

NEETESH @ NEET PRAKASH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH & ORS.

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. This appeal arises from an order dated 04.08.2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad rejecting the regular bail prayer of the appellant in connection with Case Crime No. 99/2025, registered at P.S. Shergarh, District Mathura.
4. The submission on behalf of the appellant is that the date of alleged incident is 04.11.2024; the victim is stated to have been rescued on 06.11.2024 whereas First

Information Report ("FIR") was lodged on 29.03.2025. Further, in the FIR, it is stated that a notarized affidavit confirming live-in relationship between the victim and the accused has been prepared. In such circumstances, it is submitted, as there is a dispute regarding the date of birth of the victim as also whether she was a major on the date of occurrence, the appellant, who has suffered incarceration for a period exceeding one year, is entitled to be released on bail, pending trial particularly, when he has no criminal antecedents.

5. The learned counsel for the respondent-State has opposed the prayer for bail but could not dispute that there had been some delay in lodging the FIR as also that appellant has suffered incarceration for a period exceeding twelve months.

6. Having regard to the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the prosecution case, we are of the view that

the appellant is entitled to be released on bail pending trial.

7. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed. The order passed by the High Court rejecting the regular bail prayer of the appellant is set aside.

8. The appellant shall be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the trial court may deem fit to impose in the facts and circumstances of the case.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

..... J  
[MANOJ MISRA]

..... J  
[K. VINOD CHANDRAN]

New Delhi;  
April 02, 2026.

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 04-08-2025 in CRMB No. 20190/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad]

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IA No. 48364/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 02-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. VINOD CHANDRAN

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Ramey Krishan Rana, Adv.  
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For Respondent(s) :

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Mr. Abhinav Singh, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(CHETAN ARORA)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)