



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**(CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ /2026)
(@SLP (CRL.) NO. 4006/2026)**

SHAILESH KISHAN KUMAR CHAURASIA Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF U. P. & ORS. Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Heard.
2. Leave granted.
3. An FIR No. 71/2024 came to be lodged on 19.03.2024 under Sections 417, 419, 420, 465, 471, 474 and 506 IPC, 1860 at Police Station Kotwali, District Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh, alleging cheating, impersonation and forgery in relation to

opening of bank accounts and alleged illegal money transactions. Undisputedly, appellant was not named in the initial FIR registered and was implicated later on the basis of custodial interrogation of the co-accused. The prayer for grant of anticipatory bail came to be rejected by the Sessions Court and the High Court.

4. We have heard the arguments of the learned counsels appearing for the parties. According to the prosecution the role attributed to the appellant is that he introduced the complainant to one-Sanjay Chaurasia who took bank account's detail of the complainant for carrying out the illegal transactions. The said Sanjay Chaurasia was said to be running an illegal website named-Anna Reddy Online Gaming and through that illegal transaction has been carried out. On the ground the gravity of the offence will have a societal impact, the anticipatory bail has been rejected by the High Court.

5. Undisputedly, it is on record that after completion of the investigation chargesheet has been filed and supplementary chargesheet has also been filed on 06.12.2024. The appellant has been implicated, as noticed hereinabove, on the basis of co-accused's statement.

6. In the light of these facts, we are of the considered view that custodial interrogation of the appellant would not be warranted, at least at this stage.

7. Hence, we allow this appeal by setting aside the impugned order and order that appellant be released on anticipatory bail on such terms and conditions as Investigating Officer may deem fit to impose including the condition of directing the appellant to cooperate with further investigation, if any, and shall appear before the trial Court on all dates of hearing except when exempted for any specific reason.

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

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[ARAVIND KUMAR]

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[PRASANNA B. VARALE]

New Delhi;
20 May, 2026.

ITEM NO.6

COURT NO.15

SECTION II

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No(s). 4006/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 26-05-2025 in CRMABA No. 10204/2024 passed
by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad]

SHAILESH KISHAN KUMAR CHAURASIA Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF U P & ORS.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

[IA No. 61719/2026-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and
IA No. 61720/2026-PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES]

Date : 20-05-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM :

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

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Ms. Ratna Priya Pradhan, Adv.
Mr. Shreyash Bhardwaj, Adv.**

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

- 1. Leave granted.**
- 2. The Criminal 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.**

**(DEEPANSHU)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT**

**(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)**