

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD****CRIMINAL MISC. BAIL APPLICATION No. - 418 of 2026**

Bhola Prasad

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P.

.....Opposite
Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Aditya Gupta
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 68**HON'BLE KRISHAN PAHAL, J.**

1. List has been revised.
2. The case is released.
3. This Court records, with profound anguish and an abiding sense of institutional responsibility, that the present episode marks a black day in the history of this Court. The very edifice of the judicial institution rests upon the unwavering confidence of the public that justice is administered impartially, fearlessly, and without any extraneous influence. Any attempt, howsoever subtle or clandestine, to interfere with or influence the judicial decision-making process constitutes a direct assault upon the majesty of the Rule of Law.
4. During the course of hearing, this Court had fixed all the matters to be heard today finally and order might have been delivered at a later point of time.
5. Subsequently, efforts were made by the litigating parties to secure access to and approach the Presiding Judge. Such conduct, if permitted to pass unnoticed, strikes at the very heart of judicial independence and erodes public confidence in the purity of the adjudicatory process.
6. The situation is rendered even more disturbing by the inevitable perception that would follow if the judgment were ultimately to be delivered in favour of the party whose case might find prima facie

acceptance during the hearing. The order, irrespective of its legal correctness and intrinsic merit, would be susceptible to an unwarranted but damaging inference that it was the product of extraneous influence or inducement rather than an impartial judicial determination. The reputation of the institution, painstakingly built over generations, cannot be exposed to such avoidable suspicion.

7. The sanctity of judicial proceedings does not merely require that justice be done; it demands that justice must manifestly and unquestionably appear to have been done. Any attempt by a litigant or counsel to establish an extra-judicial channel of communication with a Judge in relation to a pending matter is wholly incompatible with the ethics governing the legal profession and the constitutional values underpinning an independent judiciary. Such an approach is an affront to judicial propriety and is utterly intolerable in the precincts of a High Court.

8. This Court, therefore, considers it wholly inappropriate to proceed further with the matters. In order to preserve the dignity of the institution, to protect the purity of the judicial process, and to eliminate even the faintest apprehension regarding the impartiality of the adjudication, this Court deems it proper to recuse itself from further consideration of the cases.

9. Accordingly, the matters stand released from this Court. Let the cases be placed before Hon'ble the Chief Justice for assignment to an appropriate Bench.

10. Before parting, this Court observes that the Bar and the litigant public alike must appreciate that the independence of the judiciary is not merely a privilege of Judges but a constitutional guarantee owed to every citizen. Any practice calculated to undermine that independence, or even to create an impression that judicial orders may be influenced through private approaches, is a menace to the administration of justice and deserves the strongest institutional condemnation.

11. Connect the present bail application with following bail applications:-

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 26461 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 43070 of 2025

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 43074 of 2025

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 45511 of 2025

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 44015 of 2025

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 10322 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 14465 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 14549 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 17349 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 18610 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 19447 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 19867 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 19913 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 20106 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 20174 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 20708 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 20719 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 21158 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 21530 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 39018 of 2025

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 800 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 1298 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 4459 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 5037 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 7622 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 7664 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 8147 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 8466 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 11375 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 11388 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 11617 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 12410 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 13162 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 14203 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 14351 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 15183 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 15288 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 15295 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 16465 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 16478 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 16482 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 16536 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 17056 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 17096 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 17389 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 17810 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 17864 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 17904 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 18028 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 18059 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 18114 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 18771 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 18776 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 18882 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 19333 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 19353 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 19531 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 19618 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 19989 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 20249 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. -22162 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 22379 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 22392 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 23044 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 23065 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 24317 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 24890 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 25007 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 25031 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 25190 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 25418 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 25729 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 26042 of 2026

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 26170 of 2026

AND

Criminal Misc. Bail Application No. - 24920 of 2026

12. Put up before the appropriate Bench (not before this Bench), if possible, on **7.8.2026** in the daily cause list after obtaining nomination from the Hon'ble the Chief Justice/Senior Judge.

(Krishan Pahal,J.)

July 30, 2026
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