

IN THE COURT OF ASJ (FTC)-02
SOUTH SAKET COURTS, NEW DELHI

PRESIDED BY : MS. SHUNALI GUPTA

Bail Application No. 2603/2025
STATE Vs. J. VASANTHAN
FIR No. 396/2025
PS Hauz Khas

(Bail Roster)

In view of the Office Order No. Judl.II/F.102/South/Saket/2025/49790-49825/New Delhi dated 28.11.2025 of Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge, South District, Saket Courts Complex, New Delhi, bail application is being taken up by the undersigned.

15.12.2025

This is an application filed on behalf of applicant for grant of anticipatory bail.

Present: Sh. Anil, Ld. Addl. PP for the State.
Sh. K. Rajan and Sh. Kartik Chettiav, Ld. Counsel
for applicant/accused.
Sh. Rajpal Kasana and Sh. Neeraj, Sh. Ld. Counsel
for complainant.
IO WSI Sheetal in person.

1. Ld. Counsel for the applicant has submitted that the applicant is innocent. False case has been registered against him. He has done Graduation in Law from Bhartiya Shiksha Parishad, Uttar Pradesh and had sought an enrollment in Bar Council of Delhi on the basis of the LLB Degree. He was enrolled with Bar Council of Delhi vide enrollment No. D/81/2023. However, later

on Bar Council of Delhi, unilaterally and without serving upon him any notice or affording any opportunity to him to explain anything has suspended his license to practice as an advocate. Ld. Counsel submits that the applicant's Degree of Law is genuine and not fake. However, when he applied for registration he came in contact with one Arvind Panchal and Jagdish. He also paid a sum of Rs. 95,000/- in cash to them for his enrollment. Later on, when he was suspended he got to know that the marksheet filed alongwith the enrollment application was from Bundhelkhand University, Jhansi. He has submitted that his certificates have been changed. Though he had handed over the certificates of Bhartiya Shiksha Parishad, Uttar Pradesh to these persons but somehow the documents of Bundelkhand University, are on record. The change of documents has been on the part of Mr. Jagdish and Mr. Arvind Panchal. He is innocent and ready to fully co-operate in the investigation. Thus, he has submitted that he may be granted anticipatory bail.

2. On the other hand, the anticipatory bail application has been strongly opposed by the Ld. Addl. PP for the State stating that the allegations in the FIR are grave and serious in nature. Reply has been filed by the IO stating therein that on the complaint dated 08.10.2025 an FIR was registered against the applicant on the allegations that he got enrolled in BCD on the basis of fake degree and marksheet. His license to practice was

suspended by BCD. As per the BCI resolution, there are serious allegations against Mr. Jagdish Yadav (employee of BCD) and Advocate Arvind Panchal of having received substantial sum of money from the applicant for facilitating his enrollment with BCD. On the basis of forged LLB Degree and marksheet. Notice to join the investigation was served twice upon the applicant/accused on 02.12.2025 & 08.12.2025 but he has not joined the investigation till date and custodial interrogation of the accused is very much required for the detailed investigation in the matter.

3. Ld. Counsel(s) for the complainant Sh. Neeraj Gupta and Sh. Rajpal Kasana have submitted that the allegations in the FIR are very serious in nature as an entire syndicate is operating for facilitating enrollment of persons as advocates on the basis of forged/fabricated law degrees and documents. It has been submitted that the documents annexed with the application are pertaining to Bundelkhand University, Jhansi which during enquiry were found forged. There is a clear cut admission on the part of the applicant of having paid a substantial sum of Rs. 95,000/- to Mr. Jagdish and Mr. Arvind Panchal for facilitating his enrollment. There was no occasion/need for such a hefty payment to these persons, had the documents of the applicant been genuine. Ld. Counsel(s) for the complainant have submitted that for registration with the Bar Council of Delhi, only advocates

residing in Delhi/NCR are eligible. The applicant even filed fabricated documents to fake his address as that of Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. Thus, it has been prayed that the application be dismissed.

4. Heard eitherside. Record perused.

5. The allegations in the FIR are serious in nature . The suspension order dated 16.09.2025 issued by BCD records that the LLB Degree/marksheet of the applicant on verification was found fake. Further, during the course the arguments, Ld. Counsel for the applicant had admitted that he has not done Graduation in Law from Bundelkhand University but has studied from Bhartiya Shiksha Parishad, Uttar Pradesh and as on date the same has not been recognised by the Education Department as the University affiliated and recognised to give law degrees. The applicant has also admitted that he paid Rs. 95,000/- to one Mr. Jagdish and another Rs. 50,000/- to council Sh. Arvind Panchal. I have also gone through the order of **Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 82 of 2023** in the case of **Ajay Shankar Srivastava VS Bar Council of India and Anr.**, wherein the Hon'ble Supreme Court took note of the fact that the verification of the advocates enrolled with State Bar Councils is essential and also constituted a High Power Committee to monitor the process of verification of enrollment of councils. As per the report of the IO, 106 FIRs have been registered at PS

Hauz Khas during the period 2020-2025 regarding fake LLB degrees and fake registration in BCD.

6. Considering the totality of facts and circumstances and taking note of the serious allegations not just against the applicant herein but others named in the investigation who run a syndicate in facilitating enrollment in Bar Council(s) on the basis of fake documents, in order to unearth the conspiracy behind and to reach out to other members of the syndicate, custodial interrogation of the applicant may be needed. Therefore, at this stage, I do not find any ground for grant of anticipatory bail.

7. Accordingly, anticipatory bail application stands dismissed.

8. Copy of the order be given Dasti.

(SHUNALI GUPTA)
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