

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN BENCH AT JAIPUR

S.B. Criminal Miscellaneous Bail Application No. 13584/2025

Javed S/o Hakam

----Petitioner

Versus

State Of Rajasthan

----Respondent

For Petitioner(s)

Mr. Bantoo Mali

Mr. Adarsh Singhal, Amicus Curiae

For Respondent(s)

Ms. Arti Sharma, PP

Mr. Rhishi Raj Singh Rathore, PP with

Mr. Shiv Lahri, PS Khoh Deeg Mr. Bhaskar Sawant, ACS Home Mr. Vishnu Mohan, Joint Secretary

Education

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAMEER JAIN

<u>Order</u>

27/11/2025

- 1. This Court, being conscious of the alarming and exponential rise in cyber-related offences across the State, notes with concern that a substantial proportion of both accused persons and victims belong to the younger demographic predominantly between the ages of 16 to 27 years. This consistent pattern has been observed by this Court while adjudicating a series of bail applications arising from offences involving online harassment, financial frauds, identity theft, impersonation, cyber-bullying, circulation of illicit content, and other technologically-facilitated crimes. The recent data- January 1, 2025 to October 31 2025 (supplied by the Rajasthan Police Cyber Crime Branch), the following statistics are placed before this Court:
- 1. 1930/NCRP Portal-Cyber Complaints received



.2024: Total Complaint - 102447

Total Reported Fraud amount - 795 Cr

Total Saved (Hold/Lien/Refund) amount – 104.67 Cr

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Total Complaint - 114520

Total Reported fraud amount - 678 Cr

Total Saved (Hold/Lien/Refund) Amount - 143.36 Cr

- 2. Pending Cases in IT Act: 4399
- 3. Pratibimb Portal- Suspect Mobile Phones- 109281
- 4. Number of Blocked SIMs & IMEIs- 115639
- 5. Suspect HotSpots (Mobile/Bank Accounts)- 32980
- 6. Suspect Point of Sale (PoS) of Mobile Sims- 4668
- **7.** Cyber Awareness Drive- 35,18,823 People Benefitted.

Hot Spot Analysis – 01.01.2024 to 30.09.2025 (for Deeg District)

Month	All India	Rajasthan	Deeg	Deeg % in india	Deeg % in Rajasthan	Per day Location	कमी / वृद्धि
Jan. 2024	29671	9302	6030	20.32	64.82	195	
Jun-24	35352	6414	2546	7.2	39.69	85	-56.41%
Oct-24	39138	6453	2067	5.38	32.03	67	-65.64%
Feb. 2025	28297	4447	1627	5.74	36.58	58	-70.25%
July. 2025	23223	2767	903	3.88	32.63	29	-85.02%
Sep. 2025	32638	1985	569	1.74	28.66	19	-90.25%

2. Cyber-crime, by its very nature, transcends conventional boundaries of locality and physical proximity. The easy availability of smartphones, widespread internet access, burgeoning social media platforms, and lack of digital literacy





among adolescents and young adults have together created a fertile ground for misuse. Impetuous behaviour, peer pressure, inadequate parental guidance, and absence of structured digitalethics education further compound the vulnerability of youth, both as unsuspecting victims and, at times, inadvertent offenders.

3. This Court also observes that in a majority of bail matters relating to cyber-offences, the foremost argument advanced by learned counsel for the applicant remains that "bail is a rule and jail is an exception", supplemented by an assurance that the applicant is willing to abide by any stringent conditions that may be imposed. Even today, a number of bail applications are before the Court for consideration, for sake of brevity the numbers of such bail applications (adjudicated by individual orders) are reproduced hereinbelow:

S.No.	Case Number	Title
1.	SBCRLMB No.4062/2025	Sauddin S/o Haneef v. State Of Rajasthan
2.	SBCRLMB No.4781/2025	Arsad S/o Deena v. State Of Rajasthan
3.	SBCRLMB No.5013/2025	Abid @ Ronak S/o Azad v. State Of Rajasthan
4.	SBCRLMB No.5255/2025	Irsad S/o Kursid v. State Of Rajasthan
5.	SBCRLMB No.5386/2025	Aadil S/o Jakar @ Jehri v. State Of Rajasthan
6.	SBCRLMB No.10268/2025	Akram S/o Usman v. State Of Rajasthan
7.	SBCRLMB No.11906/2025	Arbaaz S/o Isab v. State Of Rajasthan
8.	SBCRLMB No.11907/2025	Dilraj S/o Meethalal v. State Of Rajasthan
9.	SBCRLMB No.12259/2025	Salim S/o Kurshid v. State Of Rajasthan





10.	SBCRLMB No.13186/2025	Jamshed @ Jammas S/o Supat
		@ Sapat v. State Of Rajasthan
11.	SBCRLMB No.13584/2025	Javed S/o Hakam v. State Of
		Rajasthan

- 4. Thence, this Court vide order dated 11.11.2025 passed in Mohit vs. State of Rajasthan: SBCRLMB No. 9343/2025 issued certain preliminary directions mandating counselling, sensitisation sessions, and compliance with rehabilitative and restricting conditions prior to release bearing in mind the peculiar nature of cyber-offending and the age-group engaged therein. Consecutively, the co-ordinate Bench of this Court at Jodhpur, in Adnan Haidar Bhai v. State of Rajasthan: SBCRLMB No. 7940/2025 also addressed the issue of cyber related offences.
- 5. Pursuant to the said proceedings, the Mr. Vishnu Mohan, Joint Secretary Education, who was directed to appear via Video Conferencing, has submitted that "No-Study Saturday" initiatives are presently conducted in various schools wherein debate competitions, extempore activities, essay writing, interactive sessions and similar exercises are organised to disseminate awareness on cyber-security and responsible digital conduct.
- 6. Likewise, the Mr. Bhaskar Sawant, ACS Home has apprised this Court that the Police Department is undertaking several endeavours including seminars, cyber-drives, awareness campaigns, community interactions, and capacity-building programmes aimed at educating students, parents, and teachers regarding the nature of cyber-offences and preventive safeguards.



7. While appreciating the steps taken thus far, this Court is of the considered view that the gravity and proliferation of cybercrime necessitate a more structured, comprehensive, and interdepartmental response, ensuring uniformity of approach and measurable outcomes. The objective of these directions is not merely punitive but preventive and reformative. Cyber-crime particularly when committed by young persons demands calibrated judicial response, institutional sensitivity, and a collective societal endeavour. The State, being a welfare authority and constitutional guardian, bears a corresponding obligation to protect its youth from both victimisation and inadvertent criminalisation born out of ignorance, impulsiveness, or lack of digital literacy. Therefore, in continuance of the observations made herein, the following directions are issued:

a. Constitution of a Joint Committee (White Paper Committee): The State Government shall constitute a joint committee comprising representatives of Education Department, Home Department (Cyber-Crime Cell), Department of Information Technology & Communication (DoITC), Social Justice & Empowerment Department, and any other stakeholder deemed necessary.

The Committee shall be tasked with preparing a comprehensive White Paper on the prevailing trends of cyber-crime in Rajasthan, demographic patterns, underlying causes, preventive strategies, and rehabilitative mechanisms for young offenders.

b. Preparation of a Standardised Awareness Modus /Framework: The Committee shall draft a uniform "Cyber-





Awareness Framework" to be implemented across schools, colleges, coaching institutions, and community learning centres.

The framework shall include:

- (i) Modules on digital ethics, safe-internet practices, and consequences of cyber-offending.
- (ii) Age-appropriate content for students of different classes.
- (iii) Mandatory quarterly sensitisation sessions in all secondary and senior-secondary institutions.
- (iv) Counselling programmes for parents and guardians.
- (v) Specially-trained cyber-resource persons to conduct awareness sessions.
- c. Collaboration with Police Cyber-Cells: The State Cyber-Crime Units shall provide real-time data, case studies, and preventive advisories to the Education Department for integration into awareness modules.
- **d. Capacity Building:** The Education Department shall, in coordination with the Police and DoITC, organise periodic training workshops for teachers, school counselors, and administrative staff to enable early detection of student vulnerability and promote responsible digital behaviour.
- e. Implementation Timeline: The preliminary White Paper shall be submitted before this Court on or prior to 08.12.2025, after being placed before the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan for perusal and further consideration.

f. Monitoring:

The Chief Secretary shall ensure that the directions herein are

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complied with in a time-bound manner. A status report shall be filed before this Court on the next date of hearing.

On the prayers made in the application:

It has been submitted that the case against the applicant has been made out on the basis of the statements of the co-accused.

The Superintendent of Police is directed to appear before the Court, through VC on the next date of hearing, to elucidate as to why notices have not been issued till date and as to what steps qua inquiry or investigation have been carried out to identify the associated mule accounts in the instant matter, as the Investigating Officer present in the Court, is not able to tender reasonable explanation qua the same.

List the matter on 08.12.2025.

(SAMEER JAIN),J

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