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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
CNR No. DLHC010206602026
+ **BAIL APPLN. 1814/2026**
SOMESH KUMAR JHA Petitioner

Through: Mr. Yash Chaturvedi and Mr. Ketan Saxena, Advocates

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI AND ANR Respondent
Through: Ms. Priyanka Dalal, APP for State with SI Menka, PS Uttam Nagar

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER
18.08.2026

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1. Applicant seeks anticipatory bail in case FIR No. 0178/2026, registered at Police Station Uttam Nagar for commission of offence under Section 69 of *Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023*.
2. When the present application was taken up by the learned Predecessor Bench on 08.05.2026, applicant was directed to join the investigation and protection was granted to him, which continues till date.
3. Learned counsel for applicant submits that charge-sheet in the instant case has already been filed, which was placed before the learned Magisterial Court on 28.07.2026 and the learned Court, after taking cognizance of the matter, issued summons to the accused for 08.08.2026. On said date, accused had appeared before the learned Magisterial Court and the case has now been adjourned for 24.08.2026 for compliance of Section 230 of

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Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (corresponding Section 207 Cr.P.C.).

4. While relying upon observations made by Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Satender Kumar Antil vs. Central Bureau of Investigation*: (2022) 10 SCC 51, learned counsel for applicant submits that in view of the fact that charge-sheet has already been filed and even cognizance has been taken, interim protection may be made absolute.

5. Learned Addl. P.P. for State, on instructions from investigating officer, confirms about the aforesaid development. She supplements that as per direction given by this Court, applicant has already participated in the investigation. Such statement is based on instructions which she received from the investigating officer.

6. In view of the above and keeping in mind the overall facts, *albeit*, without expressing any opinion over the merits of the case, the interim order is made *absolute* and since charge-sheet has already been filed, applicant shall submit personal bond and surety bond in a sum of Rs. 25,000/- each before the learned Magisterial Court on or before 24.08.2026.

7. Application stands disposed of in aforesaid terms.

8. A copy of this order be sent to concerned Court concerned for information and compliance.

MANOJ JAIN, J

AUGUST 18, 2026/dr/js