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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

CNR No. DLHC010260132026

+ **BAIL APPLN. 2196/2026 & CRL.M.A. 17947/2026**

PRAHLAD SINGH

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Anupam S. Sharrma, Mr. Anurag
Andley, Mr. Aditya Andley, Mr.
Tanmay Gupta, Mr. Sahil Nagar &
Mr. Vashishth Rao, Advs.

versus

THE STATE OF NCT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Manoj Pant, APP
SI Shalu, DIU Shahdara

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MADHU JAIN

ORDER

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25.08.2026

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. The present application has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, seeking anticipatory bail in ***FIR No. 260/2025*** registered under Sections 420/406/34 IPC at Police station Shahdara, subsequently transferred to DIU, Shahdara.
3. Briefly stated, the prosecution alleges that two blank signed cheques belonging to the complainant and his son were handed over by a co-accused to the applicant, who presented them for ₹15 lakhs each. The applicant contends that the cheques were issued towards pre-existing financial liabilities and that, upon their dishonour, he instituted proceedings under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (hereinafter, referred to as '*NI Act*').
4. Learned APP for the State, based on information received from the



Investigating Officer (IO), submits that the applicant has joined the investigation and that his custodial interrogation is not required.

5. In the facts and circumstances of the case, considering that the applicant has joined the investigation and that his custodial interrogation is not required, this Court is inclined to allow the present application.

6. Accordingly, the interim protection granted *vide* order dated 10.06.2026 and continued *vide* order dated 07.07.2026 is made absolute.

7. In view thereof, the present application is allowed. In the event of arrest, the applicant is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing a bail bond to the sum of Rs. 25,000/- with two sureties of like amount, to the satisfaction of the concerned SHO/IO, further subject to following conditions:

- i. The applicant shall not leave India without prior permission of the learned Trial Court.
- ii. The applicant shall intimate the learned Trial Court by way of an affidavit and to the Investigating Officer regarding any change in residential address.
- iii. The applicant shall appear before the learned Trial Court as and when the matter is taken up for hearing.
- iv. The applicant is directed to give his mobile number to the Investigating Officer and keep it operational at all times.
- v. The applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, tamper with evidence or try to influence the witness in any manner.
- vi. The Applicant shall join the investigation as and when directed by the Investigating Officer and shall cooperate with the investigation



8. The application as allowed is disposed of accordingly.
9. Pending application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of.
10. Needless to state, nothing mentioned hereinabove shall be construed as an opinion on the merits of the case.
11. A copy of this order be sent to the concerned Jail Superintendent for necessary information and compliance.
12. The order be uploaded on the website *forthwith*.

MADHU JAIN, J

AUGUST 25, 2026/prg/PG