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

CNR No. DLHC010278152026

+ **CRL.M.C. 4589/2026**

RATNESH BHUTANI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Arpit Batra, Mr. Abhilash
Chahalia, Mr. Shaurya Rawat and
Mr. Tarun Khanna, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Rekha Pandey, SPP.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

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18.08.2026

CRL.M.A. 25322/2026 (for early hearing)

1. The applicant – petitioner seeks early hearing of the captioned petition.
2. For the reasons stated therein, and with the consent of Ms. Rekha Pandey, learned Special Public Prosecutor for the respondent – Union of India, the application is allowed. The petition is taken on Board.
3. The application stands disposed of.

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1. The subject proceedings have been instituted under Section 5 of the Extradition Act, 1962, against the petitioner, who is wanted to stand trial in the United States of America for alleged offences involving repeated



sexual assault of a minor.

2. By way of the present petition, the petitioner assails an order dated 26.02.2026, whereby the learned Sessions Court dismissed his revision petition against an order of the learned Magistrate's Court dated 22.02.2025, by which two applications filed by him – one seeking adjudication of objections raised during the examination-in-chief of CW-1, and the other seeking production of further documents relating to the extradition request, were dismissed, with costs of Rs. 50,000/-.

3. After some hearing, Mr. Arpit Batra, learned counsel for the petitioner, seeks permission to withdraw this petition, without prejudice to the rights and remedies available to the petitioner after the conclusion of the extradition proceedings. He further seeks permission to approach the learned Magistrate's Court for waiver/reduction of the amount of costs imposed by the impugned order dated 22.02.2025.

4. The petition, alongwith any pending application, is dismissed as withdrawn in terms of the aforesaid submissions.

5. The next date of hearing, i.e. 07.09.2026, stands cancelled.

6. It is made clear that this Court has not entered into the merits of the dispute, and it is for the concerned Court to take an appropriate decision in accordance with law.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

AUGUST 18, 2026
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