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

CNR No. DLHC010285192026

+ **BAIL APPLN. 2530/2026**

AMAR THAKUR

..... Applicant

Through: Mr. Siddharth Aggarwal, Sr. Adv.
with Mr. Sharian Mukherji, Mr.
Vishwajeet Singh and Ms. Mugdha,
Adv.

Versus

NARCOTICS CONTROL BUREAU

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Arun Khatri, SSC with Ms.
Shelly Dixit, Adv.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAURABH BANERJEE

ORDER

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20.08.2026

1. By virtue of the present application under *Section 483* of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the applicant seeks grant of regular bail in proceedings arising out of Crime No.VIII/26/DZU/2024 registered at NCB, Delhi Zonal Unit under *Sections 8(c)/22(c)/28/29* of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (**NDPS Act**).

2. *Succinctly put*, it is the case of the prosecution that on 23.07.2024, based on secret information, the NCB seized 7,97,400 tablets of *Alprazolam* from 10 carton boxes bearing AWB No.D02350865 at DTDC Express Pvt. Ltd., Samalkha, New Delhi. During preliminary inquiry of the DTDC Staff and another courier agency, Anjani Courier, Mahipalpur, New Delhi involved in transport of the seized shipment, the applicant, present in Mumbai, was disclosed to be the actual co-ordinator *qua* the



same. As such, the applicant was arrested on 28.07.2024. Further investigation led to several other accused persons being apprehended, as also recovery of more parcels containing 27,360 capsules of *Tramadol* on the disclosure of the co-accused.

3. As informed, the charges have since been framed against the accused persons before the learned Trial Court.

4. In this factual backdrop, this Court has heard learned senior counsel for the applicant, as well as learned SSC, who have also handed over the Written Synopsis and Status Report respectively, which are taken on record, as also gone through the materials on record.

5. As borne out from the available records, the applicant is responsible for systematic co-ordination *qua* the seized shipment containing the commercial quantity of contraband right from the very beginning. In fact, the mobile phone/ device with +919004286391, which was allegedly used to co-ordinate with the porters of the transport agency as well as to contact one of the co-accused even on the day of seizure of the shipment by the NCB for sharing the exact details of the vehicle used by the NCB for the seizure, was recovered from direct possession of the applicant. Not only that, the other mobile no. +919967399895 used for placing the order, and which was also printed on the seized shipment, was found to be previously running on the very same mobile phone/ device recovered from the applicant.

6. In fact, numerous other communications *qua* varied psychotropic substances were also allegedly found on the device recovered from the applicant, not only with the co-accused persons, but also with International/ UK-based mobile numbers.



7. Therefore, it entails therefrom that the applicant was all throughout actively involved in a larger network of individuals from across the country operating in the form of a syndicate, including some international contacts for his own gains, which was/ is detrimental to the public at large.

8. Further, the recovery of commercial quantity of contraband itself attracts the bar under *Section 37 NDPS Act*. Thus, the *twin conditions* of there being reasonable grounds for believing that the applicant has not committed the offence, as well as that he is not likely to commit any offence while on bail, have to be satisfied, while granting regular bail to the applicant herein.

9. Taking into account all the aforesaid as also the active involvement of the applicant throughout and his scale of operations with both national and international do not inspire confidence for releasing the applicant on regular bail. More so, considering the gravity of the offence involved, there is a likelihood that the applicant may indulge in similar activities once released on regular bail. Lastly, the *twin conditions* of *Section 37 NDPS Act* are clearly not satisfied.

10. In view thereof, the period of incarceration or time taken for conclusion of investigation by themselves are not sufficient, especially considering *Section 37 NDPS Act* [***Narcotics Control Bureau vs. Mohit Aggarwal:(2022) 18 SCC 374, Gurwinder Singh vs. State of Punjab:(2024) 5 SCC 403***]. In fact, the charges have already been framed and as per learned SSC, the prosecution witnesses are being regularly summoned for examination, as such the trial is progressing.

11. Accordingly, the present application is dismissed.

12. Needless to say, expression of views on the merits involved, if any,



are solely for the purposes of consideration of the present application and shall have no bearing on the overall proceedings/ trial involved.

AUGUST 20, 2026/Ab

SAURABH BANERJEE, J