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

CNR No. DLHC010376462026

+ **CRL.M.C. 5957/2026**

RAGHUBHUSHAN KHANNA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Pranya Madan and Ms. Ishita
Soni, Advs.

versus

STATE (GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI) & ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr. Naresh Kumar Chahar, APP for
the State.
SI Mohit Kumar, PS: Tilak Nagar.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDRA KUMAR KAURAV

ORDER

% **14.08.2026**

CRL.M.A. 24839/2026 (exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

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1. By way of the present petition, the petitioner seeks to challenge the order dated 23.05.2026. The Court, however, has taken note of the factual narration which has come on record that the cognisance was taken way back in the year 2012 and the accused persons were summoned. Thereafter, the charges were framed against the accused, and the matter proceeded for prosecution evidence. During the prosecution evidence, the complainant was



dropped from the list of witnesses *vide* order 23.09.2025, and by subsequent order dated 17.03.2026, the Court had allowed the complainant to appear as a witness. It is, thereafter, the protest petition was filed by the complainant. The complainant has filed the protest petition after almost 14 years and that too, at the stage when the trial had already commenced and almost 3 witnesses were examined.

2. Under the aforesaid circumstances, there is no justification to exercise the power under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and to interdict the trial at this belated stage.

3. Accordingly, the petition fails and is, hereby, quashed.

4. The petitioner, however, shall be at liberty to take all the pleas before the concerned Court if they are available in accordance with law.

PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV, J

AUGUST 14, 2026/P