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

CNR No. DLHC010400572026

+ **BAIL APPLN. 3527/2026 & CRL.M.A. 26274/2026**

RAKESH PATHAK @ BABUL PATHAK Petitioner

Through: Mr. Nishant Anand, Advocate
(DHCLSC) with Ms. Gunjan
Bansal and Mr. Tarun Choudhary,
Advocates.

versus

STATE (NCT OF DELHI) Respondent

Through: Mr. Tarang Srivastava, APP.
Insp. Bhanu Partap, DPA Jharoda.
Insp. Mantosh, P.S. Shalimar
Bagh.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

% **25.08.2026**

1. By way of this application under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the applicant seeks regular bail in connection with FIR No. 8/2022, dated 02.01.2022, lodged at Police Station Shalimar Bagh, under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

2. I have heard Mr. Nishant Anand, learned counsel for the applicant, and Mr. Tarang Srivastava, learned Additional Public Prosecutor.

3. After some hearing, Mr. Anand does not press the bail application, but seeks directions for expeditious completion of the proceedings before



the Sessions Court. He submits that in the case of a co-accused [BAIL APPLN. 3550/2025: *Basant @ Basanta v. The State (GNCTD)*], this Court passed an order dated 30.03.2026, *inter alia* permitting the applicant to move the Sessions Court for expedition of the trial.

4. According to Mr. Anand, the said accused did not file such an application before the Sessions Court, but the proceedings before the Sessions Court have not progressed in the aforesaid period. In fact, he submits that the prosecution has added to the list of witnesses.

5. While permitting the applicant to withdraw the present bail application, the Sessions Court is requested to expedite the trial to the extent practicable, in accordance with its own Board and the age of matters pending before it.

6. Mr. Srivastava assures the Court that the prosecution will cooperate in this endeavour, and no unnecessary applications or adjournments will be sought on behalf of the prosecution.

7. The bail application, alongwith pending application, is disposed of in terms of the above.

8. It is made clear that this Court has not made any observation on the merits of the case, which shall be decided by the Sessions Court in accordance with law.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

AUGUST 25, 2026

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