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

CNR No. DLHC010866372025

+ **BAIL APPLN. 4228/2025**

PRADEEP RAO

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Amjad Khan, Mr. Sumit Kumar
and Mr. Amit Khawal, Advs.

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Shoaib Haider, APP for the State.
SI Vaibhav Singh, PS: Sarita Vihar.
Mr. Abhinav Sekhri and Mr. Shalanki
Prasad, Advs. for victim.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV

ORDER

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19.08.2026

1. Learned counsel appearing for the applicant submits that merely on the ground that the applicant was earlier declared a Proclaimed Offender [PO], his application has been rejected by the Trial Court for grant of bail. According to him, the applicant has suffered more than one year of incarceration and, therefore, he is entitled for grant of bail on merits.
2. The Court finds that the order dated 04.10.2025 passed by the Trial Court does not deal with the case on merits. The applicant claims parity with the co-accused, who has already been granted bail.
3. Though the applicant was declared PO, he has already suffered about one year of incarceration, the same, at this stage, should not be the sole



reason to reject his application.

4. The Court, however, finds it appropriate to direct the Trial Court to consider imposing reasonable conditions securing the applicant's presence during the course of trial if the applicant otherwise is entitled for grant of bail on merits.

5. With these observations, the application stands disposed of with liberty to approach the Trial Court.

PURUSHAINDRA KUMAR KAURAV, J

AUGUST 19, 2026/P