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

+ **BAIL APPLN. 1475/2025**

RAHUL JAYANT GHADGE

.....Petitioner

Through: **Mr. Romil Pathak, Advocate**

versus

STATE GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANRRespondents

Through: **Mr. Naresh Kumar Chahar, APP for the State with Mr. Pankaj Kumar and Ms. Amita Yadav, Advocates and with SI Laukesh Kumar, PS New Friends Colony.**
Mr. Tanveer Zaki, Advocate for R-2.

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HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SWARANA KANTA SHARMA

ORDER

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30.05.2025

1. By way of the present application, the applicant seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.80020915/2025, registered at Police Station New Friends Colony, New Delhi under Sections 305/331 (4) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (hereafter 'BNS').
2. Issue notice. The learned APP accepts notice on behalf of State.
3. Briefly stated, the facts of the present case are that on 23.02.2025 complainant Prashant Bhatia had lodged an E-FIR regarding theft in house D-1, 1st Floor, Unit 4, Kalindi Colony, New Delhi by breaking lock on at night around 02:50 AM to 04:25AM. On 24.02.2025, the statement of complainant Prashant Bhatia had been recorded wherein he had stated that



on 22.02.2025, his family had left for Faridabad and house was locked. On 23.02.2025, his neighbour had informed him on phone that lock of main gate of his house had broken. Then the complainant had reached at his home and he had found that the lock of main gate and locks of almirahs had been broken and articles were scattered. On inspection, jewellery articles and one lakh cash had been missing. On the aforesaid complaint, the present FIR had been registered against the applicant herein under the relevant sections.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the applicant states that the applicant herein has cooperated with the investigation. It is stated that the applicant has paid respondent no.2/complainant a sum of Rs.3 lakhs by way of Demand Draft bearing No. 515873 drawn on ICICI Bank. It is stated that the parties have amicably settled the disputes. It is, therefore, prayed that the application for grant of anticipatory bail be allowed.

5. The learned APP for the State, on the other hand, argues that the investigation reveals that the present accused/applicant is a receiver of stolen jewellery articles (40 gram melted gold) and had hid the gold and had been absconding and evading his arrest. It is stated that the stolen articles are yet to be recovered from the present accused/applicant. It is further argued that the custodial interrogation of the applicant will be required to recover the stolen property. It is, therefore, prayed that the applicant for grant of anticipatory bail be dismissed.

6. This Court has **heard** arguments advanced on behalf of both the parties and has perused the material available on record.

7. Keeping in view all the facts and circumstances mentioned hereinabove and considering that the matter has been amicably settled between the parties, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the



applicant, and in event of arrest, the applicant shall be released on his furnishing personal bond in the sum of Rs.10,000/- with one surety of the like amount subject to the satisfaction of the SHO/I.O concerned on the following terms and conditions:

- i) The applicant shall remain available on mobile numbers; shared by him with the IO/SHO.
- ii) The applicant shall not leave NCT of Delhi without prior permission of the concerned IO/SHO.
- iii) The applicant shall not directly or indirectly make an attempt to influence the witnesses or tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- iv) In case of change of residential address/contact details, the applicant shall promptly inform the same to the concerned I.O/SHO.

8. In view of the above, the present application stands disposed of.
9. It is, however, clarified that nothing expressed herein above shall tantamount to an expression of opinion on merits of the case.
10. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

MAY 30, 2025/zp

DR. SWARANA KANTA SHARMA, J

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