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

+ BAIL APPLN. 2692/2025 & CRL.M.A.Nos.20924-25/2025

MD TAQI ABBASIApplicant
Through: Mr. Yatin Dhawan,
Advocate.

versus

THE STATE OF NCT OF DELHIRespondent
Through: Mr. Sunil Kumar Gautam,
APP for the State with SI
Sandeep, PS Ghazipur.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT MAHAJAN

ORDER
22.07.2025

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1. The present bail application is filed by the applicant seeking regular bail in FIR No. 135/2023 dated 22.04.2023, registered at police station Ghazipur for the offences under Sections 376/354A/506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('**IPC**') and Sections 6/12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 ('**POCSO**').
2. The bail application filed by the applicant on an earlier occasion was disposed of as withdrawn by order dated 19.07.2024, passed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, with liberty to the applicant to file afresh after all the public witnesses have been examined.
3. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that all the public witnesses have since been examined and the applicant has been in custody for the last more than two years.
4. On being pointedly asked, the Investigating Officer informs that the entire prosecution evidence has been completed and no further witness remain to be examined. The trial relates to



the offences under Section 377/354A/506 of the IPC and Sections 6/12 of the POCSO.

5. The learned counsel for the applicant states that there are material contradictions in the evidence of the prosecution witnesses.

6. In terms of Section 35 of POCSO, the trial in regard to the offences under the POCSO Act shall be concluded within a period of one year. As noted above, the trial has come to its fag end and is likely to get over in 4 to 6 months unless the applicant takes some unwarranted adjournments.

7. Considering the stage of the trial, this Court does not consider it apposite to entertain the present bail application and give *prima facie* finding after examining the evidence led by the prosecution. The applicant is at liberty to take all his arguments before the learned Trial Court at the time of final arguments.

8. The learned Trial Court is requested to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible.

9. In view of the above, the present bail application is dismissed. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

AMIT MAHAJAN, J

JULY 22, 2025

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