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

+ **BAIL APPLN. 3545/2025**

NAFE SINGH

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Aakash Godara, Adv.

versus

STATE (N.C.T. OF DELHI) & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Manjeet Arya, APP with Insp.
Surender Kr. PS Chhawla.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVINDER DUDEJA

ORDER

% **11.11.2025**

1. This is an application filed on behalf of the applicant/accused Nafe Singh in case FIR no. 381/2016, registered at PS Chhawla, Delhi under Sections 302/120B/34 IPC read with Section 25/27 Arms Act.
2. Learned counsel who appears for the applicant submits that applicant was arrested on 14.03.2017 and is in judicial custody since then but the trial is still not complete. He further states that all the material witnesses have since been examined and thus, there is no possibility of threatening or intimidating the witnesses.
3. It is submitted that the applicant has been in custody for approximately 7 years and, thus, prolonged incarceration prior to the conviction signifies the pressing need for the grant of bail. He further submits that co-accused have already been enlarged on bail and there is no allegation that the applicant has in any manner threatened or tried to influence the witnesses or tamper with the evidence at any stage of proceedings.
4. Bail application has been opposed by learned APP appearing for the



State on the lines of the status report. He further submits that the applicant was granted interim bail on 23.09.2023 for a week but applicant did not surrender upon completion of the bail period and jumped the bail and was ultimately declared a proclaimed offender. He was later re-arrested on 26.02.2025.

5. Learned APP further states that the trial is getting delayed on account of the applicant who did not cooperate during the trial.

6. I have considered the submissions made by the learned counsel for the applicant as also by the learned APP for the State.

7. On 15.10.2016, a male dead body was found lying with gunshot injuries in the jungle near the Ply Factory, Village Ghumanhera, Delhi. The body was identified to be of Vijay @Lala.

8. The FIR was registered on the statement of Manoj Kumar, brother of deceased who alleged that his brother Vijay @ Lala had left the house at about 05.00 PM on 14.10.2016 on his scooty but did not return.

9. Co-accused Satish @ Kalu and Rakesh @ Bagad were arrested. They disclosed that the deceased was called at the crime spot by Satish @ Kalu on the instructions of the present applicant/accused Nafe Singh@ Mantri. Applicant wanted to take revenge for the killing of his father by the gang of Nandu because he suspected that the deceased Vijay @Lala had helped Nandu Gang to reach his house.

10. The status report indicates that the weapon used in the commission of offence has been recovered from the present applicant. In his disclosure statement, he stated that he along with his associates Satish@ Kalu, Rakesh@Bagad, Sandeep@Ladla & Sonu Nandal@ Kejriwal had killed the deceased Vijay@ Lala.



11. The FSL results confirm that the bullets recovered from the body of the deceased were fired from the improvised pistol recovered from the applicant in case FIR no. 15/2017 under Section 25 Arms Act, PS Special Cell.

12. Admittedly, the applicant was granted interim bail by the Court but he misused the liberty of grant of bail inasmuch as he did not surrender and was declared proclaimed offender.

13. The applicant is in custody for about 7 years but the applicant cannot take benefit of the prolonged custody because of his own wrong doings on account of his non-cooperation during the trial.

14. The status report reveals that the applicant has criminal antecedents, being involved in 14 cases, even though, he has been acquitted in some of them. Moreover, the nominal roll received from the jail indicates that besides the 14 cases mentioned in the status report, he is also wanted in at least 4 cases registered in the State of Haryana including two cases under Section 302 IPC. The applicant is a hardened criminal and therefore does not deserve the sympathy of grant of bail at this stage.

15. Keeping in view the entire facts and circumstances and the nature and gravity of allegations, his past conduct and criminal antecedents, I am not inclined to grant bail to the applicant/accused at this stage.

16. The application is therefore, dismissed with request to the trial to make best possible endeavor to conclude the trial expeditiously.

17. Copy of this order be sent to the Superintendent Jail as also to the Trial Court for information.

RAVINDER DUDEJA, J

NOVEMBER 11, 2025

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