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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(CRL) 3710/2025 & CRL.M.A. 33357/2025**
HARISH CHAUDHARYPetitioner

Through: Mr. Pradeep Teotia and Mr. Jayveer
Singh and Ms. Harshita Bhati,
Advocates.

versus

THE STATE OF NCT OF DELHI AND ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Sanjeev Bhandari, ASC (Crl.)
with Ms. Sakshi Jha, Advocate for
State.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER
12.11.2025

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1. The present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeks a direction to the Respondents to remove the name of the Petitioner from the roll/register of Bad Characters.
2. The Petitioner asserts that the continued retention of his name in the Bad Character Roll is unjustified and adversely affects his reputation and business interests. He submits that he is a Class-I Government contractor engaged with several departments of the Government of NCT of Delhi, and that he has not been involved in any criminal case for the past six years. He contends that, despite this, his name continues to remain on the register without any valid basis.
3. The Petitioner points out that eight FIRs had been registered against



him in the past. Several of these have been quashed, or compounded. The details are set out below for completeness:

"S. no.	FIR NO. & YEAR	POLICE STATION	SECTIONS	STATUS/OUTCOME
1.	379/2009	M.S. PARK	323/452/427/506/34 IPC	Quashed by Hon'ble Delhi High Court
2.	42/2010	Maurice Nagar	186/353/34 IPC	Convicted on plead of guilt & released on Probation of offenders Act
3.	53/2011	Maurice Nagar	323/341/34 IPC	Compounded between the parties
4.	97/2014	Gokulpuri	308/34 IPC & 27 Arms Act	Quashed by Hon'ble Delhi High Court
5.	524/2018	Gokulpuri	323/341/379/34 IPC	Compounded between the parties
6.	102/2018	Gokulpuri	452/323/380/506/34 IPC	Pending trial before Ld. JMFC North- East, Karkardooma Courts Delhi at the stage of Charge.
7.	274/2019	Jyoti Nagar	323/341/506/34 IPC	Pending before Ld. ASJ Shahdara, Karkardooma Courts- Counterblast of FIR No. 273/2019 registered by Petitioner. On the stage of Charge.
8.	357/2013	G.T.B. Enclave	323/324/341/506/34 IPC	Pending trial before Court of Ld. JMFC Shahdara, Karkardooma Cout Delhi. On the stage of Charge."

4. It is submitted that, in view of the above, there is no subsisting material that would warrant the Petitioner's continued classification as a Bad Character, particularly as no fresh FIR has been registered against him in six years.



5. Mr. Sanjeev Bhandari, ASC (Crl.) for the State, submits that the Petitioner's name was downgraded from Bundle A to Bundle B on 23rd September, 2025, pursuant to a review conducted by the DCP. He submits that the Bad Character Roll is subject to periodic review and the Petitioner's name shall be reconsidered in the next cycle in accordance with law.

6. Considering that one review has already resulted in a downgrade and that a period of six years has elapsed since the Petitioner's last alleged involvement, a direction is issued to the State to undertake a further review of the Petitioner's antecedents and take appropriate action in accordance with law within a period of three weeks from today.

7. With the above direction, the petition along with pending applications stands disposed of.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

NOVEMBER 12, 2025

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