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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 3820/2025 & CRL.M.As. 34452-34453/2025**

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.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Umesh Chandra Sharma, Mr. Peeyush Kaushik, Mr. Siddharth Kaushik and Ms. Priyanka Kumari, Advocates.

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Lao, SC (Crl.) with Ms. Priyam Agarwal, Mr. Abhinav Kr. Arya and Mr. Aryan Sachdeva, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

20.11.2025

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1. The Petitioner is the victim and the complainant in FIR No. 154/2010, P.S. Nangloi and has approached this Court aggrieved with the snail pace at which the trial is progressing. The FIR was lodged in 2010 and the chargesheet was filed some time on 28th June, 2011. In the chargesheet the prosecution has listed 14 witnesses but only one witness has been partly examined so far. More than 14 years have passed since registration of the FIR, during which the matter has reportedly listed 58 times. In such circumstances, the Petitioner asserts violation of the right to a speedy trial under Article 226 of the Constitution.



2. Mr. Sanjay Lao, SC (Crl.) for the State, supports the grievance and submits that appropriate directions may indeed be issued to expedite the proceedings. Mr. Lao further points out that the primary cause of delay appears to be the conduct of the accused persons. There are four accused in the case, and on several dates, proceedings are being adjourned due to their absence.

3. While supervisory directions over an ongoing trial are issued sparingly, the extraordinary delay in the present matter warrants intervention. Accordingly, the following directions are issued:

- (i) The Trial Court is requested to expedite the trial.
- (ii) The Trial Court shall submit a brief report on the progress of the trial every three months to the Principal District & Sessions Judge concerned for information and for any necessary administrative directions, if so warranted.
- (iii) In the event the proceedings are delayed on account of the absence of any accused, the Trial Court shall proceed in accordance with law notwithstanding such absence and shall be at liberty to take all coercive measures permissible under the Code to secure the presence of the accused and prevent further delay.
- (iv) The Trial Court shall endeavour to complete the trial within a period of 18 months from today.

4. With the above directions, the present petition stands disposed of along with pending applications.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

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