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

+ **BAIL APPLN. 4741/2024**

AMRENDER SINGH

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Anshita Phutela, Advocate.

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Amit Ahlawat, APP for the State.
SI Ashish Kumar, PS: Chanakyapuri.

+ **BAIL APPLN. 668/2025**

PARMINDER SINGH

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Anshita Phutela, Advocate.

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Amit Ahlawat, APP for the State.
SI Ashish Kumar, PS: Chanakyapuri.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

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16.10.2025

1. The present applications filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023¹ (formerly Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973²) seek pre-arrest bail in FIR No. 189/2024 under Sections 318(4)/336(3)/340(2)/61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023

¹ "BNSS"

² "Cr.P.C."



registered at P.S. Chanakya Puri.

2. Briefly stated, the case of the Prosecution is that the Applicants, employed at the World Way Immigrations office, forged certain documents, including a degree, issued by Dayanand College, affiliated to Guru Jambheshwar University of Science & Technology, for co-accused Ankita Indora. These documents were submitted in support of her application for a visa to the United States of America. During the verification process conducted by the U.S. Embassy, the documents were found to be forged, leading to the registration of the subject FIR.

3. Counsel for the Applicants submit that the Applicants have no involvement in the authenticity of the documents provided by students, which are submitted by the students themselves for the purpose of applying to educational institutions abroad. It is further submitted that the Applicants had duly verified the Bachelor of Science degree of co-accused Ankita Indora through the official website of Guru Jambheshwar University. Despite this, the police proceeded to register the subject FIR without conducting proper verification. It is also submitted that the Applicants have no criminal antecedents. On these grounds, they seek grant of pre-arrest bail.

4. On 23rd December, 2024, Amrender Singh (Applicant in BAIL APPLN. 4741/2024), was directed to join investigation. Similar directions were issued to Parminder Singh (Applicant in BAIL APPLN. 668/2025) on 14th February, 2025.

5. In compliance with the aforesaid directions, both Applicants have duly appeared before the Investigating Officer and have cooperated in the investigation. Mr. Amit Ahlawat, APP for the State, submits that the investigation stands completed; the draft chargesheet has been prepared, is



presently under scrutiny, and is likely to be filed within a week.

6. The Court has considered the aforementioned contentions. Pursuant to the directions of this Court, both Applicants have duly cooperated in the investigation. The investigation has since concluded, and the chargesheet is on the verge of being filed. In such circumstances, the custody of the Applicants is not required for the purposes of investigation or custodial interrogation.

7. The Supreme Court has repeatedly emphasized that the provision of anticipatory bail, under Section 438 Cr.P.C., is rooted in Article 21 of the Constitution, which guarantees personal liberty. Section 438 aims at protecting the personal liberty of an individual, who, at the time of seeking anticipatory bail, has not been convicted of the alleged offence and is entitled to the presumption of innocence.³ In light of the foregoing, the present applications are allowed. The Applicants, in the event of arrest, are directed to be released on bail on furnishing a bail bond for a sum of ₹25,000/- each with two sureties each of the like amount, subject to the satisfaction of the concerned SHO, on the following conditions:

- a. The Applicants shall join and cooperate with the investigation as and when directed by the IO;
- b. The Applicants shall not leave the boundaries of the country without informing the IO/ SHO concerned;
- c. The Applicants shall not contact the witnesses or tamper with the evidence in any manner;
- d. The Applicants shall give their mobile numbers to the concerned

³ Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia and Others v. State of Punjab, (1980) 2 SCC 565; Siddharam Satlingappa Mhetre v. State of Maharashtra and Others, (2011) 1 SCC 694.



IO/SHO and shall keep their mobile phones switched on at all times;

8. In the event of there being any FIR/DD entry/complaint lodged against the Applicants, it would be open to the State to seek redressal by filing an application seeking cancellation of bail.

9. It is clarified that any observations made in the present order are for the purpose of deciding the present bail applications and should not influence the outcome of the trial and also not be taken as an expression of opinion

10. Disposed of, along with pending applications.

11. Copy of the order be communicated to the concerned Jail Superintendent for necessary information and compliance.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

OCTOBER 16, 2025

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