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

+ **BAIL APPLN. 247/2026, CRL.M.A. 2004/2026**

MANOJ KUMAR

.....Petitioner

Through: Counsel (appearance not given)

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Shubhi Gupta, APP for State.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI

ORDER

% **20.01.2026**

CRL.M.A. 2003/2026 (exemption)

Exemption granted, subject to just exceptions.

Let requisite compliances be made within 01 week.

The application stands disposed of.

BAIL APPLN. 247/2026

By way of the present application filed under section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, the petitioner seeks extension of interim bail for a period of 60 days in case FIR No.172/2023 dated 01.07.2023 registered under sections 21/29/61/85 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 at P.S.: Special Cell, Delhi.

2. In *Jatin vs. The State NCT of Delhi* in BAIL APPL. No. 3418/2024, this court has taken the view that a plea seeking extension of interim bail must be filed as an application in the petition in which interim



bail was originally granted. The court has observed as follows:

“6. After discussing the matter with the concerned officials of the Registry, this court is of the view, that a prayer for extension of interim bail ought to be filed by way of a CRL.M.(BAIL) in the main bail petition in which interim bail was first granted, even if the first petition stands disposed-of. A prayer for extension of interim bail must not be filed by way of a fresh substantive bail petition, since that makes it difficult for the court, for the prosecution branch, as well as for the jail administration, to cross-reference the grounds taken and the documents relied upon by a petitioner; and the stand taken and the documents verified by the Investigating Officer, for grant of interim bail in the first instance. Such cross-referencing is relevant and material for deciding a prayer for extension of interim bail.”

3. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to file for extension of interim bail by way of a miscellaneous application in the petition in which the interim bail was initially granted.
4. The present petition is disposed-of in the above terms, granting to the petitioner liberty to file as aforesaid.
5. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed-of.

ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J

JANUARY 20, 2026/ak