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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **BAIL APPLN. 537/2026**
RAHUL SHERAWAT@RAHUL

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Aman Trehan, Advocate (through
V.C.).

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Priyanka Dalal, APP for the State
with SI Amit Bhardwaj.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER
18.05.2026

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1. Applicant seeks anticipatory bail in case arising out of FIR No.0012/2026 dated 14.01.2026, registered at P.S. Najafgarh for commission of offences under Sections 331(1)/334(1)/351(3)/3(5)/61(2) of *Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)*, 2023 (corresponding Sections 453/461/506/34/120B IPC).

2. When the present application was taken up by this Court on 06.02.2026, the applicant was permitted to join the investigation, while observing as under:-

“2. The prime contention coming from the side of the applicant is to the effect that a pure civil dispute has been given a colour of criminal matter.

3. According to him, he had purchased one plot from Mr. Chotu Ram vide documents executed on 07.09.2006 and, according to him, he continues to be in a peaceful and uninterrupted possession of the abovesaid property.

4. He submits that the documents in his possession are genuinely executed documents but the complainant also claims his ownership over the same

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plot on the basis of some documents executed by the same person i.e. Mr. Chotu Ram.

5. Learned counsel for the complainant appears on advance notice and submits that there is a registered General Power of Attorney (GPA) in favour of the complainant which was executed by Mr. Chotu Ram in the year 1997 and the alleged documents of year 2006 are forged and fabricated.

6. I.O. is present in Court.

7. When asked, learned APP for the State, on instructions of the I.O., submitted that as per the limited information available to them, said Mr. Chotu Ram has already died but they would verify about the genuineness of the documents in question.

8. It is apprised that the applicant has, so far, not joined the investigation and has not come forward, despite advance notice.

9. Undoubtedly, the prosecution also strongly relies upon one CCTV footage which, reportedly, indicates that the applicant, alongwith some unknown persons, had demolished the boundary wall of the plot in question. Such act is indeed a serious one, which invites criminal action.

10. However, keeping in mind the overall facts of the case, the applicant is directed to join the investigation and, in case, he joins the investigation as per the specific directions given by the I.O. and co-operates fully with the investigation and, even, reveals the names of the alleged persons who were there at the time of alleged demolition of boundary wall, let no further coercive action be taken against him."

3. While directing him to join the investigation, this Court also asked the applicant not to come in contact of complainant party, in any manner whatsoever.

4. The status report has already been filed and according to learned APP for the State, though the applicant has joined investigation but he has taken palpably false stand as he does not possess the original documents at all and when asked in this regard, he claimed that those had been lost by him. She submits that there was, actually speaking, no original documents and, therefore, the entire case of the applicant is based on forged and non-existing



documents.

5. I.O. is present in the Court and when asked, it was informed that as on date, the possession is not with the applicant. It is with one K.D. Musahary from whom the complainant intended to buy.

6. Applicant has already filed affidavits in terms of the earlier directions given by this Court.

7. Keeping in mind the overall facts of the case and the nature of the allegations, *albeit*, without expressing any opinion over the merits of the case, the abovesaid order dated 06.02.2026 is, hereby, made absolute and the application is disposed of with the direction to applicant to keep on assisting the investigation and to join the investigation as and when so directed. He shall, however, not come in contact of complainant and would not try to influence or intimidate them, directly or indirectly.

8. In the event of his arrest, he be admitted to bail, on his furnishing personal bond and surety bond in a sum of Rs. 25,000/- subject to the satisfaction of arresting officer/IO/SHO.

9. The application stands disposed of in aforesaid terms.

MANOJ JAIN, J

MAY 18, 2026/ss/sa