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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**  
+ **BAIL APPLN. 713/2026 & CRL.M.A. 5548/2026**

**SALIM**

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Paritosh Singh Rajput with  
Mr. Mohd. Yusuf and Mr. Rajeev  
Upadhyay, Advocates.

versus

**THE STATE NCT OF DELHI AND ANR**

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sunil Kumar Gautam, APP for the  
State with SI Tulsi (P.S. Welcome)

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN**

**ORDER**

**18.02.2026**

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1. Applicant seeks Regular Bail in FIR No.491/2023 dated 06.06.2023 registered at P.S. Welcome for offences under Section 323/376D/377/506, IPC and Section 6 of *Protection of Children From Sexual Offence (POCSO) Act, 2012*.
2. The prime most reason given by the applicant is to the effect that evidence of the prosecutrix is completely shaky and wavering and, in her initial-most deposition, she did not come up with any allegation with respect to commission of rape upon her. It is also apprised that all the material public witnesses have already been examined.
3. After some arguments, learned counsel for the applicant, without prejudice to his rights and contentions, does not press the present bail application. He, however, submits that he may be granted liberty to file the

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application afresh at a later stage.

4. The application is, accordingly, disposed of as not pressed.
5. Pending application also stands disposed of.
6. Liberty, as prayed, is granted.
7. Simultaneously, since the material public witnesses, including the prosecutrix, have already been examined, the learned Trial Court shall make best endeavour to dispose of the matter, as expeditiously as possible.
8. Learned Addl. P.P. for the State states that he would convey the message to his counterpart before the learned District Court to ensure that the remaining witnesses are summoned and examined as expeditiously as possible and assures that there would not be any delay or inaction on their part.
9. A copy of this order be sent to learned Trial Court for information and due compliance.

**MANOJ JAIN, J**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2026**  
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