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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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BAIL APPLN. 949/2026

SANJEEV ALIAS BITTU

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Jitendra Sethi, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Hemant Gulati, Mr. Shobit Dimri,
Bharat and Mr. Divyam Gaur,
Advocates.

versus

THE STATE NCT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Amit Ahlawat, APP for State
with Inspector Gilu Ram Meena.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GIRISH KATHPALIA

ORDER

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22.04.2026

1. The accused/applicant seeks regular bail in case FIR No. 765/2023 of Police Station Swaroop Nagar for offence under Section 363/364/302/201 /376(3) IPC & Section 5 (m) read with Section 6 POCSO Act & Section 3(1)(s)(v) read with Section 3(2)(v) of SC/ST Act.
2. After last date, status report was filed.
3. After addressing partly, learned senior counsel for accused/applicant on instructions seeks permission to withdraw this bail application with the request that the trial court be directed to expedite the trial.
4. As requested, the bail application is dismissed as withdrawn with the directions to the learned trial court to expedite the trial, as out of 41 prosecution witnesses only 17 have been examined and the learned senior counsel for the accused/applicant assures that they would not seek any adjournment. The learned trial court is requested to ensure that the trial gets



concluded as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of 06 months, of course depending upon the workload of the court.

5. However, this order cannot conclude only on disposal of the bail application. Certain serious and concerting issues need to be addressed. This is a case where a 09 year old girl child was kidnapped, molested and killed, after which her body was thrown in the canal. The case rests on circumstantial evidence. It is the mother and brother of the deceased, who apparently were the persons, having seen the deceased lastly, but for the reasons best known to the multiple investigators, neither mother nor brother of the deceased were examined. Inspector Gilu Ram Meena submits that he partly investigated the case and apart from him, ACP Arvind Sagar Negi and SI Rahul also investigated this case partly. None of them thought it fit to examine mother and/or brother of the deceased. Rather, it seems that even the police officers who approved the chargesheet did not care to examine this aspect. Even the trial court prosecutor seems to have not made any queries to the IO before submitting such chargesheet in trial court.

6. Copy of this order be sent to the Commissioner of Police to apprise him of the slipshod manner in which such serious crime has been investigated.

7. Of course, I must add a cautious rider that the above discussion shall not be read by the trial court as a view about complicity of the accused/applicant in the offence and in that regard the trial court shall take complete independent view on the basis of evidence adduced during trial.

GIRISH KATHPALIA, J

APRIL 22, 2026/ry