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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **BAIL APPLN. 1248/2026**

DEEPANSHU @ FUN

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Ashutosh Bhardwaj, Mr. Sanju Gupta, Mr. Lalit Kumar Sharma, Mr. Lakshay Tyagi, Mr. Akshay Tyagi, Mr. Arjun Upadhyaya, Mr. Manav Gupta, Advocates.

versus

STATE (GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI)

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Sunil Kumar Gautam, APP for the State with Insp. Sandeep and SI Udit, P.S. Ranhola.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER

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04.05.2026

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Exemption allowed subject to all just exceptions.

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1. Applicant seeks regular bail in FIR No. 70/2020 dated 27.01.2020 registered at P.S. Ranhola for commission of offences under Section 307 IPC and Sections 25/27/54/59 of Arms Act, 1959.
2. FIR in question was registered on 27.01.2020 when police learnt that one Sahil Lakra (deceased herein) had been admitted in *Balaji Action Medical Institute* with alleged history of gunshot injury. During investigation, statement of eye-witness Sachin Narwal was recorded, who revealed that the victim had been shot dead by Deepanshu @ Fun when they were travelling in a Santro Car. Sachin Narwal was driving the vehicle whereas the victim was

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sitting on the front passenger seat and accused had shot him from the rear seat of the same vehicle. During investigation, it also surfaced that accused Deepanshu @ Fun had entered into a criminal conspiracy with his co-accused Saurabh Khatri and in order to eliminate the victim, Saurabh Khatri had supplied firearm and ammunition to him.

3. The applicant was arrested on 27.01.2020 and as per the Nominal Roll received from the Jail Authorities, his *custody period, as on 30.04.2026, is 6 years 2 months and 23 days*. It does not reveal involvement of the applicant in any other case, though, his jail conduct does not seem to be satisfactory.

4. As per Nominal Roll, his age is 26 years, which means that at the time of his arrest, he was barely 20 years of age.

5. It is informed that there are 32 prosecution witnesses as per charge-sheet filed and so far, the prosecution has examined 15 witnesses only. It is submitted that all the material public witnesses including the alleged eye-witness, have already been examined and co-accused Saurabh Khatri is already on bail.

6. Learned Addl. P.P. for the State submits that public witnesses have supported the case of prosecution and keeping in mind, the gravity of the matter, the applicant does not deserve any bail, as he may abscond.

7. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that on earlier occasion, the applicant had been enlarged on interim bail and he never misused the abovesaid liberty and surrendered immediately after expiry of the period of interim bail.

8. Undoubtedly, the case at hand is of murder, and the gravity of the offence involved cannot be disregarded, but at the same time, the long incarceration period and the fact that the trial is only half-way through and



there is no likelihood of trial getting completed in near future, this Court, in order to uphold the objective enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, in its true letter and spirit, finds no reason to disallow the bail. Reference be also made to *Deepak Tiwari vs. State (NCT of Delhi)*: 2024 SCC OnLine Del 7810, *Praveen Rathore v. State of Rajasthan*: 2023 SCC OnLine SC 1268 and order dated 24.02.2026 in BAIL APPLN.3794/2024 titled *Saif Ali @ Saif Khan vs. State Govt. of NCT of Delhi*.

9. Resultantly, the applicant is hereby admitted to bail on his furnishing personal bond in a sum of Rs. 25,000/- with two local sureties of like amount, subject to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate with following conditions:-

(i) The applicant would provide his Mobile Number to the concerned I.O and would ensure that such Mobile Number remains active and operational, till the disposal of the case by the learned Trial Court.

(ii) The applicant shall not try to contact and influence any witness, directly or indirectly.

10. The application stands disposed of in aforesaid terms.

11. A copy of this order be sent to the concerned Court and also to the Jail Superintendent for necessary information and compliance.

12. Pending applications also stand disposed of.

MANOJ JAIN, J

MAY 4, 2026/st/sk



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