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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **BAIL APPLN. 1384/2026**
SANDEEP BAKSHI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Kunal Tandon, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Ankan Suri, Ms. Natasha, Ms.
Shreni Taran and Mr. Tanish Nagpal,
Advocates.

versus

STATE (NCT OF DELHI)

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Priyanka Dalal, APP for the State
with SI Anil Kumar.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER
09.04.2026

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1. Applicant seeks anticipatory bail in FIR No.0601/2025 dated 06.10.2025, under Sections 21/22 of *Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985* (NDPS Act), registered at P.S. Palam Village.
2. Learned APP for the State appears on advance notice and is assisted by concerned SI-Anil Kumar.
3. Briefly stated, the case of the prosecution is to the effect that on the basis of one secret information, a Nigerian citizen was arrested on 05.10.2025. As per the secret information, he was involved in supplying drugs in Delhi, NCR. His arrest led to recovery of 1.312 kg of narcotic substance, suspected to be *cocaine*, from his conscious possession.
4. During further investigation, one more accused, another Nigerian

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national was arrested and from his possession 265 gm of *cocaine* was recovered.

5. When the abovesaid accused persons were interrogated and the matter was further investigated, it came to fore that they were communicating with various persons on WhatsApp and voice calls, and were receiving money in their bank accounts through UPI from several persons to whom they used to sell such type of narcotic substance.

6. The allegations against the applicant herein is to the effect that his bank account indicated multiple UPI transactions with second accused.

7. When asked, learned APP for the State submitted that the total extent of such UPI transactions is Rs.68,000/-, spread over between April, 2025 and September, 2025.

8. Learned Senior Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has already joined the investigation and during the investigation, his statement was recorded by the Investigating Agency wherein he has pleaded ignorance about the alleged UPI transactions. The applicant, even, stated that he never consumed, purchased or sold any such substance.

9. Learned Senior Counsel for the applicant submits that even if the allegations in question are assumed to be true, at best, it would be inferred to be a case of self consumption, though at the same time, he does not admit such assumption.

10. It is contended that one similarly situated accused i.e. Abhishek Sapra was arrested by the police with the same allegations and he was also branded as customer of the main accused and it was alleged by the prosecution that said co-accused-Abhishek Sapra also used to regularly purchase contraband and used to make payment in cash and UPI and the learned Trial Court



keeping in mind the overall facts of the case formed an opinion, *albeit* of *prima facie* nature, that at best, such other accused was liable to be prosecuted for offence under Section 27 of NDPS Act and, therefore, he was enlarged on bail *vide* order dated 12.11.2025. A copy of such order has also been shown during course of arguments which is retained on record.

11. I.O. submits that there are several other persons with whom the main accused had UPI transactions and some such persons have already been bound down.

12. Keeping in mind the overall facts and circumstances of the case, and also keeping in mind the fact that the applicant had appeared before the Investigating Agency pursuant to the notice and also considering the extent of UPI transaction between him and his alleged co-accused, the application is disposed of with the direction that the applicant would join the investigation as and when so directed and in the event of arrest, he would be admitted to bail on his furnishing personal bond and surety bond in a sum of Rs.25,000/- subject to the satisfaction of the concerned arresting officer/SHO/IO with the conditions that he would not leave the country without prior permission of the Court and would not try to influence or threaten any prosecution witness, directly or indirectly.

13. The application stands disposed of.

14. Pending application also stands disposed of.

MANOJ JAIN, J

APRIL 9, 2026/ss/sa

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