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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **CRL.M.C. 2824/2026**

M/S JUNEJA FINANCE COMPANY

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Kartik Gadi, Ms. Harman Preet
Singh and Ms. Tanvi Jain, Advocates.

versus

AMANPREET SINGH BAWA

.....Respondent

Through:

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI

ORDER

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15.04.2026

CRL.M.A. 11431/2026 (exemption)

Exemption granted, subject to just exceptions.

The application stands disposed-of.

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By way of the present petition filed under section 529 read with section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, the petitioner seeks a direction to the learned JMFC (NI Act), North-West District, Rohini Courts, Delhi to expedite the trial in Ct. Cases No.3934/2018 filed under section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 ('NI Act').

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits, that perusal of the record would show that the cheques, that are subject matter of the proceedings, are dated 15.12.2017, 17.12.2017, and 18.12.2017; in respect of which, criminal complaint under section 138 of the NI Act was filed on 09.03.2018. Counsel submits, that the proceedings in complaint case before the learned JMFC have been going on ever-since; and in fact, it would be seen that CW-1, who is the authorised



representative of the complainant, has been under cross-examination for the *last more than 07 years*.

3. Counsel points-out, that the subject cheques were in the total sum of Rs.3.25 crores; and the petitioner's finance business has suffered huge losses by reason of dishonour of the said cheques.
4. The submissions made are borne-out by the record.
5. A perusal of the order-sheets appended to the petition shows that the learned trial court has been granting repeated opportunities to the respondent (accused) at various stages.
6. Other things apart, it is now the extant position of law that proceedings under section 138 of the NI Act are to be concluded expeditiously.¹
7. The respondent cannot possibly offer any credible opposition to a direction for expeditiously disposal of the criminal complaint. Therefore, it is not considered necessary to issue notice to the respondent.
8. The present petition is allowed.
9. The learned JMFC is directed to conclude the proceedings in the criminal complaint bearing Ct Cases No.3934/2018 as expeditiously as possible, and in any event *within 09 months* of the next date of hearing fixed before the learned JMFC.
10. The petition is disposed-of in the above terms.
11. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed-of.

ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J

APRIL 15, 2026/V.Rawat

¹ *Expeditious trial of cases under section 138 of NI Act, 1881, In Re, (2021) 16 SCC 116*