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

+ **BAIL APPLN. 1551/2026**

VAKIL

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Gaurav Patel, Mr. Ashish Kumar,
Mr. Abhishek Singh, Mr. Shubham
Pandey, Advocates

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Naresh Kumar Chahar, APP for
the State with ASI Pawan Kumar.

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SWARANA KANTA SHARMA

ORDER

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27.04.2026

CRL.M.A. 12354/2026 (exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

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3. By way of the present application, the applicant is seeking grant of regular bail in case arising out of FIR bearing no. 983/2025, registered at Police Station Burari, Delhi, for the commission of offences punishable under Sections 33/38/52(2) of the Delhi Excise Act, 2009, Sections 3/181/5/180/146/196/66/192A/39/192/115(7)/190(2)/50 of Central Motor Vehicles Rules and Section 117 of Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.
4. Briefly stated, the case of the prosecution is that on 24.10.2025, secret information had been received by ASI Yashpal Singh of Special Staff, North District, regarding transportation and supply of illicit liquor. Pursuant



thereto, a raiding party was constituted and a trap was laid near Gali No. 77, B-Block, Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi. At about 12:35 AM on 25.10.2025, a white Hyundai Xcent car was intercepted on the indication of the secret informer, and upon search, 29 cartons containing 1447 quarters of illicit liquor meant for sale in Haryana only were allegedly recovered from the possession of the present accused Vakil. The illicit liquor along with the offending vehicle had been seized and the present FIR was registered.

5. During investigation, the present accused/applicant was arrested and, upon interrogation, he disclosed that he had brought the recovered illicit liquor for supply to one Morpal at the instance of Gandhi and Dhola @ Dhoda, and that the liquor had been provided to him by them from a liquor shop situated in Sonapat, Haryana. Pursuant to police custody remand, raids were conducted at the houses of the alleged source persons and their associates, however, they were found absconding. The investigation further revealed the involvement of five persons in the supply chain of illicit liquor, i.e. Gandhi, Julfan, Dhola, Aneesh and Musaleen.

6. The learned counsel appearing for the applicant argues that the applicant has been in judicial custody since 25.10.2025. It is argued that the investigation has already been completed and the charge-sheet has been filed before the concerned Trial Court. It is further argued that the custodial interrogation of the applicant is no longer required. It is also argued that charges have already been framed in the present case. Therefore, it is prayed that the applicant be enlarged on bail.

7. The learned APP for the State, on the other hand, argues that 29 cartons of illicit liquor were recovered from the possession of the applicant. It is also argued that the applicant is involved in several other criminal cases,



including cases of a similar nature. Therefore, it is prayed that the present bail application be dismissed.

8. This Court has **heard** arguments addressed on behalf of the applicant as well as the State, and has perused the material available on record.

9. The allegations against the applicant are that 29 cartons containing illicit liquor were recovered from his possession.

10. This Court notes that the applicant has remained in judicial custody since 25.10.2025, i.e., for about nine months, and that charges have already been framed in the present case. No useful purpose would be served by further depriving the applicant of his liberty.

11. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant regular bail to the applicant, on furnishing a personal bond in the sum of ₹10,000/- with one surety of the like amount, subject to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court/Successor Court/Link Court/Duty Judge concerned, on the following terms and conditions:

- i) The applicant shall not leave the country without prior permission of the concerned Court and if the applicant has a passport, he shall surrender the same to the concerned trial court.
- ii) In case of change of residential address/contact details, the applicant shall promptly inform the same to the concerned Court and IO/SHO concerned.
- iii) The applicant shall appear regularly before the learned Trial Court, unless exempted.
- iv) The applicant shall not communicate with, or come into contact with the complainant or any of the prosecution witnesses, or tamper with the evidence of the case.



12. Accordingly, the present bail application stands allowed and is disposed of.

13. It is, however, clarified that nothing expressed hereinabove shall tantamount to an expression of opinion on merits of the case.

14. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

DR. SWARANA KANTA SHARMA, J

APRIL 27, 2026/zp
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