



\$~12

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

+ CRL.M.C. 6790/2023 & CRL.M.A. 25360/2023

DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Zoheb Hossain, Spl. Counsel
with Mr. Vivek Gurnani, Panel Counsel
with Mr. Kartik Sabharwal and Mr.
Pranjal Tripathi, Advocates.

versus

JAI PRAKASH SINGHAL

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Lalit Valecha with Ms. Smriti
Kashyap, Ms. Nikita Chhetri, Mr.
Mohit, Ms. Rubika Thapa, Advocates.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER

23.03.2026

%

1. Petitioner-Directorate takes exception to order dated 08.06.2022 passed by learned Trial Court whereby the respondent herein has been granted bail.
2. The present petition, seeking cancellation of bail, was filed way back in the year 2023, and is pending for quite some time.
3. When asked, learned Special Counsel for petitioner-Directorate, in all fairness, stated that there is nothing to indicate any misuse of liberty of bail by the respondent, after he was enlarged on bail.
4. His grievance is, however, primarily, to the effect that while deciding the bail application, the learned Trial Court has, virtually, decided the entire matter and has given his mind that there is no *prima facie* material against the accused.
5. It is submitted that the case is at the stage of arguments on charge and the abovesaid observation made by the learned Trial Court may unnecessarily influence the mind of the Court.
6. Learned counsel for respondent submits that, though, the arguments on charge are going on but, as far as respondent herein is concerned, he has already



concluded his arguments. He submits that, though, the facts have been very well appreciated by the learned Trial Court, at the same time, the observations given in bail order are, merely, tentative in nature.

7. Keeping in mind the overall facts of the case and the fact that there is nothing to indicate that, in the interregnum, there is any misuse of liberty by the respondent, and the fact that the case is at the stage of arguments on charge, the present application is disposed of with the clarification that the observations made in the impugned order would not prejudice or influence the mind of the learned Trial Court and the charges shall be ascertained, in accordance with law, after giving due opportunity of hearing to both the sides and without being influenced by the impugned order dated 08.06.2022.

8. Application stands disposed of in aforesaid terms.

9. Needless to say, in case, there is any violation of any of the conditions imposed upon the accused, while he was enlarged on bail, the petitioner herein would be at liberty to file appropriate application seeking cancellation of bail before the concerned Court.

10. It is, however, clarified that this Court has not made any observation with respect to the contentions raised in the present application.

MANOJ JAIN, J

MARCH 23, 2026/sw/pb