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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **BAIL APPLN. 2474/2025**

RAJAN SINGH @ ABHISHEKPetitioner
Through: Ms. Puja B. Soni, Advocate/
DHCLSC)

versus

THE STATE GOVT OF NCT DELHIRespondent
Through: Ms. Priyanka Dalal, APP for State
Insp. Rajveer Singh/SHO, PS Vikas
Puri and Insp. Sunny Kumar,
ATO/Rajinder Nagar

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER

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02.02.2026

1. Applicant is stated to be in custody since 12.01.2016. Apparently, he has undergone incarceration for more than ten years.
2. It is a dacoity, coupled with three murders.
3. When the matter was taken up by this Court on 16.01.2026, a request was made to learned Trial Court to send a report whether the matter can be taken up on *day-to-day basis* and also to apprise the tentative period within which the matter in question can be disposed of.
4. Report has been received in sealed cover from the learned Trial Court and such report indicates that learned Trial Court has already recorded all witnesses, except three prosecution witnesses and evidence of PW56, PW57 and PW58 is pending and has been recorded in part. Investigating officer is present and informs that digital copy of some data had been sought by accused persons and the same has already been prepared by CFSL, Lodhi Colony, New Delhi and would be supplied to the accused on the date fixed i.e.

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5. Learned Trial Court, in its aforesaid report, expressed its acquiesce to take up the matter on day-to-day basis or by giving shortest possible dates but keeping in mind the voluminous record and the nature of deposition of remaining witnesses being relatively lengthy, it seeks a period of six months.

6. Undoubtedly, period of incarceration is though quite high, at the same time, Court cannot turn blind eye to the fact that while committing alleged dacoity, three precious lives were lost.

7. Keeping in mind the above facts, while also ensuring that there is no unnecessary delay in the matter, the bail application is disposed of with the direction to learned Trial Court to dispose of the matter within a period of four months from today. For the purpose of achieving the above timeline, it will be open to the learned Trial Court to take up the matter on *day-to-day basis*.

8. SHO/IO of the case would appear before the learned Trial Court on each and every date till prosecution evidence is complete. This Court expects that accused persons would also render due assistance and co-operation to the learned Trial Court so that even defence evidence, if any, is recorded without any delay in the matter.

9. Application stands disposed of in aforesaid terms and directions.

10. In case, matter is not disposed of within the aforesaid period, petitioner would be at liberty to immediately approach this Court seeking grant of bail.

MANOJ JAIN, J

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