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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010415272026**

\+ **BAIL APPLN. 3680/2026**

RITIKESH KUMAR .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Nitesh Dhankhar, Mr. Saurabh Lakra, Ms. Reena Soni, Mr. Rajbardhan Singh and Mr. Raj Chauhan, Advs. (Mb: 6263984745)

versus

STATE & ORS. .....Respondents

Through: Mr. Raghuvinder Verma, APP
Insp. Ravindra Singh, PS Tigri

CORAM:
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MADHU JAIN

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% 06.10.2026

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.

2. The present application has been filed on behalf of the petitioner under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the 'BNSS'), seeking grant of regular bail in ***FIR No. 387/2024***, registered at P.S. Tigri, Delhi, under Section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the 'BNS').

3. Briefly stated, as per the case of the prosecution, on 29.09.2024, a PCR call regarding a stabbing incident was received at P.S. Tigri. The injured, was taken to AIIMS Trauma Centre, where he was declared, brought dead. On the basis of the MLC, the present FIR came to be registered.

4. During the course of investigation, CCTV footage from the vicinity was

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collected and the alleged involvement of the petitioner came to light. The petitioner was apprehended on 30.09.2024. The petitioner has remained in judicial custody since 30.09.2024.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has remained in judicial custody for more than two years and all the prosecution witnesses have already been examined.

6. He further submits that the CCTV footage relied upon by the prosecution is blurred and neither depicts the petitioner nor the deceased. It is further submitted that the FSL result does not support the case of the prosecution and, therefore, there is no incriminating evidence connecting the petitioner with the alleged offence.

7. *Per contra,* learned APP for the State opposes the present application and submits that the allegations against the petitioner are grave and serious in nature. He submits that the petitioner can be seen in the CCTV footage assaulting the deceased with a knife and that the weapon of offence has been recovered at the instance of the petitioner. He further submits that all the prosecution witnesses have already been examined and the trial is at its concluding stage.

8. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned APP for the State and perused the material placed on record.

9. It is not disputed that the prosecution evidence stands concluded and the matter is presently at the stage of recording the statement of the petitioner before the learned Trial Court. Thus, the trial is at its concluding stage.

10. The submissions advanced on behalf of the petitioner with regard to the quality of the CCTV footage, the FSL result and the evidentiary value of the material relied upon by the prosecution necessarily entail appreciation of

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evidence. Whether the evidence led by the prosecution supports its case and whether the prosecution witnesses have established the allegations against the petitioner are matters to be considered and appreciated by the learned Trial Court at the appropriate stage.

11. At this stage, having regard to the nature and gravity of the allegations and the material relied upon by the prosecution, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on regular bail.

12. Accordingly, the present application is dismissed. Pending application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of.

13. It is clarified that the observations made hereinabove are only for the purpose of deciding the present bail application and shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

14. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

MADHU JAIN, J

OCTOBER 6, 2026/b/*P*

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