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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010518122026**

\+ BAIL APPLN. 4596/2026

MOHD. KARIM .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Chirag Anand, Advocate *(Through VC)*

versus

THE STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR. .....Respondents

Through: Mr. Mukesh Kumar, APP for State.
ASI Rajendra, P.S. Anand Parbat.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

O R D E R

% 05.11.2026

1. The present application has been filed seeking grant of anticipatory bail in FIR No.503/2026 dated 4th September, 2026, registered at P.S. Anand Parbat, Delhi, for offence under Section 318(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).

2. The FIR was registered on the basis of a complaint by the respondent no.2 regarding an alleged ATM card exchange and subsequent withdrawals from his bank account. According to the FIR, on 2nd September, 2026 at 04:00 PM the complainant visited the ICICI Bank ATM at *Gali No. 17, Prem Nagar, Baljeet Nagar*, where two (2) boys allegedly induced him to re-insert his ATM card and enter his PIN, following which his card was allegedly exchanged. Thereafter, multiple withdrawals were allegedly made

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from his bank account.

3. Counsel for the applicant submits that the FIR has been registered in respect of an incident that occurred on 2nd September, 2026 at 04:00 PM regarding withdrawals from the account of the complainant by using the complainant's ATM Card. It is stated that the applicant has falsely been implicated in the present case. It is further submitted that as per the FIR, the offence is bailable and non-cognizable. The applicant is ready and willing to join the investigation.

4. The application is strongly opposed on behalf of the State.

5. Status report has been handed over in Court and the same is taken on record.

6. As per the status report, the investigation in the case is still at a crucial stage. The cheated amount and original ATM card of the complainant are yet to be recovered. The identity, role and whereabouts of the co-accused, the manner of disposal of the cheated amount and the possibility of involvement in similar offences are required to be investigated. It is stated that even the motorcycle used for the crime bears the false registration number and is yet to be recovered. The identity of the applicant has been ascertained during investigation through CCTV footage, dossier verification and FRS (face recognition system).

7. Status report also records that the applicant is involved in various other criminal cases of similar nature, including the cases of theft and cheating.

8. Considering the totality of the facts and circumstances of the case, and that the grant of anticipatory bail at this stage may adversely affect the pending investigation, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to

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the applicant.

9. The application is dismissed.

AMIT BANSAL, J

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