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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **BAIL APPLN. 3794/2024 & CRL.M.A. 31497/2024**
SAIF ALI @ SAIF KHAN

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Danish Khan, Advocate.

versus

STATE GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Priyanka Dalal, APP for the State
with Insp. Sandeep and SI Udit.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER

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24.02.2026

1. Applicant seeks regular bail in FIR No. 709/2020 under Sections 302/34 IPC and Section 25 of Arms Act, 1959, registered at P.S. Ranhola.
2. Admittedly the applicant is in custody since 11.07.2020 and, as per the earlier Nominal Roll received from jail, his present incarceration is of more than 5 ½ years.
3. Undoubtedly, though, as per the case of the prosecution, the applicant is the main perpetrator as the alleged act of stabbing is attributed to him, fact remains that his three other co-accused are already on bail.
4. The Nominal Roll does not indicate any other involvement of the applicant, who is still in his twenties.
5. Admittedly, around 21 witnesses have already been examined and around 13 witnesses are still left, thus, there does not seem to be any likelihood of trial being completed in near future.

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6. It is a well-established principle that an accused has a right to speedy trial enshrined under Article 21 of Constitution of India, howsoever serious the crime may be. Reference in this regard be made to *Satender Kumar Antil vs. Central Bureau of Investigation & Anr*: (2022) 10 SCC 51, *Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee (Representing Undertrial Prisoners) v. Union of India*, (1994) 6 SCC 731, *Ishwar v. State (NCT of Delhi)*, 2025 SCC OnLine Del 8605, *Ajay Yadav v. Enforcement Directorate*, 2025 SCC OnLine Del 4262, *Union of India v. K.A. Najeeb*, (2021) 3 SCC 713, *Tapas Kumar Palit v. State of Chattisgarh*, 2025 SCC OnLine SC 322 and *Arvind Dham v. Enforcement Directorate*, 2026 SCC OnLine SC 30.

7. Keeping in mind the overall facts and circumstances of the case and, in particular, the long incarceration period of the applicant, which is close to 6 years, the applicant is, hereby, directed to be released on bail on his furnishing personal bond in a sum of Rs. 25,000/- with one surety of like amount, subject to the satisfaction of learned Trial Court/CJM/Duty Magistrate with the following conditions: -

- (i) The appellant shall not try to contact and intimidate any witness, directly or indirectly.
- (ii) He would provide his Mobile Number to the concerned I.O and would ensure that such Mobile Number remains active and operational, till the disposal of the case by the learned Trial Court.
- (iii) Learned Trial Court would be at liberty to get the addresses of appellant and his surety verified, before accepting the bonds. In case, appellant wants to change his address, he shall give prior intimation in writing, not only to the concerned investigating



officer but also to the learned Trial Court.

8. The application stands disposed of.
9. Let a copy of this order be sent to the concerned Court and also to the Jail Superintendent for necessary information and compliance.

MANOJ JAIN, J

FEBRUARY 24, 2026/ss/pb