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

+ BAIL APPLN. 4100/2025

PAWAN KEWAT

...Applicant

Through: Ms. Sakshi Tanwar and Mr. Rohan
Kr., Advs.

versus

STATE GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI

...Respondent

Through: Mr. Satish Kumar, APP with Ms.
Upasna Bakshi and Ms. Divya
Bakshi, Advocates

ASI Pawan Kumar, PS Paschim
Vihar East

Mr. Sarthak Karol, Standing
Counsel (DHCLSC) with Ms.
Neelakshi Bhadauria and Ms.
Tanishka Pawar, Advocates for
victim

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAURABH BANERJEE

ORDER

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18.05.2026

1. By virtue of the present application under *Section 483* of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the applicant seeks grant of regular bail in proceedings arising out of FIR No.208/2025 dated 17.06.2025 registered at PS: Paschim Vihar East under *Sections 109(1)/3(5)* of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (**BNS**).

2. As per FIR, it is alleged that the victim and his friends were stopped by four persons including the applicant in the intervening night of 16-17.06.2025 while they were returning home, leading to an altercation and subsequent stabbing of the victim by one of the co-accused persons and running away therefrom.



3. In this factual backdrop, this Court has heard learned counsel for the applicant, learned APP for State and learned counsel for the victim. Learned counsel for the victim has handed over the written synopsis which is taken on record.

4. As borne out, though the applicant is one of the accused persons who was involved in an altercation with the victim on the night of the incident, and was with those who stabbed the victim and then ran away with the co-accused persons, which involve a serious offence, however, considering the limited role assigned to the applicant i.e. he asked the co-accused persons to flee the spot and left with them in the car, and since there is nothing else attributable to him, the applicant has made out a case for grant of bail. The common intention, if any, is a matter of trial, and need not be dwelled into by this Court. Moreover, the applicant has clean antecedents as also is merely 22 years of age and newly married, and has been in judicial custody for the past *one year*.

5. Presently, though the charges have already been framed by learned Trial Court, however the trial/ evidence is yet to commence, and there are as many as 17 witnesses who are still to be examined, are also relevant factors for consideration.

6. Thus, taking a cumulative view of the facts and circumstances involved, this Court deems it appropriate to release the applicant on regular bail.

7. Accordingly, the present application is allowed, and the applicant be released on regular bail in proceedings arising out of FIR No.208/2025 dated 17.06.2025 registered at PS: Paschim Vihar East under Sections 109(1)/3(5) BNS, subject to him furnishing a personal bond in the sum of



Rs.50,000/- [*Rupees Fifty Thousand Only*] along with one surety of the like amount by a family member/ friend having no criminal case pending against him/ her and subject to the satisfaction of the Jail Superintendent, and further subject to the following conditions:

- i. Applicant shall not leave NCT of Delhi without prior permission of this Court and shall ordinarily reside at the address as per prison records and shall surrender his Passport, if any, to the IO within a period of *three days*.
 - ii. Applicant shall appear before the learned Trial Court if, as and when called for.
 - iii. Applicant shall provide his mobile number to the IO concerned which shall be kept in working condition at all times.
 - iv. Applicant shall report to the IO at PS: Paschim Vihar East once every month in the first week of the month unless leave of every such absence is obtained from the learned Trial Court.
 - v. Applicant shall not indulge in any criminal activity and shall not communicate with or come in contact with any of the prosecution witnesses, or tamper with the evidence of the case.
8. Copy of this order be sent to the concerned Jail Superintendent for information and compliance.
9. Needless to say, expression of view(s) on the merits, if any, are solely for the purposes of adjudication of the present application and shall have no bearing on the overall case/ trial involved.

SAURABH BANERJEE, J.

MAY 18, 2026/So