

IA 3/26 SC 573/2022
NCB v. Pradeep Kumar Jha

02.06.2026

Present: Sh. Mukeysh Malik, Ld. SPP for NCB.
Sh. Raghav Chawla, Ld. Counsel for the applicant.

1. This is an application moved under Section 483 BNSS, 2023, whereby the applicant/accused Pradeep Kumar Jha seeks interim bail for a period of 30 days on humanitarian grounds, mainly for arranging and paying the school fees/educational expenses of his minor daughter.

2. It is submitted on behalf of the applicant that his minor daughter is studying in school and that her school fees/educational expenses are pending. It is further submitted that the applicant is the sole earning member of the family and, in his absence, there is no other person available to arrange payment of the said fees. It is also stated that non-payment of the fees may affect the education of the minor child. Certain documents, including school reminders, fee structure/payment slips and character certificate of the child, have been relied upon.

3. I have heard the submissions and have perused the material placed on record.

4. The applicant is in custody in a case under the NDPS Act involving serious allegations. It is also not disputed that his regular bail application was dismissed by this Court vide order dated 19.12.2024; his regular bail was thereafter dismissed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide order dated 27.09.2025; and his prayer before the Hon'ble Supreme Court also met with dismissal vide order dated 19.01.2026. It is further reflected from the application itself that earlier interim bail applications on humanitarian grounds were also either dismissed or withdrawn.

5. The ground now urged is that the applicant is required to arrange payment of school fees/educational expenses of his minor daughter. No doubt, education of a child is an important consideration. However, the present application does not disclose any urgent, exceptional or emergent circumstance warranting release of the accused on interim bail. The alleged requirement of payment of school fees is not shown to be a circumstance which cannot be managed through family members, relatives, counsel, banking channels, or other lawful modes without requiring the physical release of the applicant from custody.

6. The material placed on record does not show that the presence of the applicant outside jail is indispensable for making the said payment or for protecting the academic continuity of the

child. The ground pleaded is, therefore, not of such compelling nature as would justify interim bail, particularly when the applicant's earlier prayers for bail have already been considered and declined by different courts.

7. In view of the above discussion, this Court is of the considered opinion that no case is made out for grant of interim bail. The application is accordingly dismissed.

8. Nothing stated herein shall be construed as an expression on the merits of the case.

9. The application stands disposed of accordingly. Copy of this order be given *dasti* as well as be sent to the accused through the concerned Jail Superintendent.

(Jitendra Pratap Singh)
ASJ/Spl. Judge, NDPS/N Delhi
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