

17.04.2026

Present : Sh. Girish Giri, Ld. Addl. PP for the State.

Sh. Devki Nandan, Ms. Ragini Singh and Ms. Ayushi
Singhal, Ld. Counsels for applicant/accused Mannu.

1. Vide this order, this Court shall dispose of an **application u/s 483 BNSS** moved on behalf of **accused Mannu** seeking **regular bail**.

2. IO has filed reply to the present bail application.
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3. Submissions on the present bail application heard
and record perused.

4. Ld. Counsel for the applicant/accused submits that the applicant/accused is a young and innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is further submitted that there is no CCTV footage of the alleged incident and the alleged recovery of knife has been planted upon the applicant/accused. It is further submitted that the said knife was allegedly purchased by the applicant/accused through *online* shopping, but no document regarding alleged purchase has been filed with the chargesheet. It is further submitted that there is no previous criminal involvement of the applicant/accused in any other case. It is further submitted that the investigation has been completed and the chargesheet has also been filed. It is further submitted that the applicant/accused is in JC since 02.01.2026 and it will take considerably long time to conclude the trial.

5. Ld. Addl. PP for the State has strongly opposed the present application and has prayed for its dismissal contending

that on 01.01.2026 at about 3 pm, complainant Gagan Gupta along with his brother Manoj had gone to Coronation Park to celebrate new year where he saw that some boys were fighting with each other and when the complainant tried to intervene, 3-4 boys including the applicant/accused abused the complainant saying as to why he was interfering. It is further contended that when the complainant objected, the said boys became aggressive and caught hold of the complainant and started beating him. It is further contended that one of those boys, in the meantime, took out a knife and attacked the complainant with the said knife. It is further contended that the main accused Deepak, who had inflicted injury by knife, is yet to be arrested. It is further contended that the matter is at the stage charge and the material public witnesses including the complainant/victim are yet to be examined and if the applicant/accused is released on bail, possibility of his threatening the witnesses and tampering with the evidence cannot be ruled out.

6. I have heard Ld. Counsel for the applicant/accused, Ld. Addl. PP for the State and have perused the record.

7. In case titled ***State of Rajasthan Vs. Balchand, (1977) 4 SCC 308***, Hon'ble Apex Court has opined as under:

"2. The basic rule may perhaps be tersely put as bail, not jail, except where there are circumstances suggestive of fleeing from justice or thwarting the course of justice or creating other troubles in the shape of repeating offences or intimidating witnesses and the like, by the petitioner who seeks enlargement on bail from the Court. We do not intend to be exhaustive but only illustrative."

8. Perusal of record reveals that the chargesheet for the offence u/s 109(1)/3(5) BNS has been filed against the accused in the present case. As per report filed by the IO along with reply, there is no previous criminal involvement of the applicant/accused in any other criminal case. Further, the allegation of stabbing is against co-accused Deepak and not against the applicant/accused. Conclusion of the trial is likely to take considerable time. Hence, no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the accused behind bars. Accordingly, keeping in view that the applicant/accused is in JC since 02.01.2026, applicant/accused **Mannu S/o Mukesh is admitted to bail** on his furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like amount, and subject to the following conditions :

- (i) the applicant/accused will not leave the city without prior permission of the court.
- (ii) the applicant/accused shall appear before the court on each and every date.
- (iii) the applicant/accused shall provide all his mobile numbers to the IO concerned, which shall be kept in working condition at all times and shall not change the mobile number without prior intimation to the IO concerned.
- (iv) the applicant/accused shall not indulge in any criminal activity.
- (v) the applicant/accused will not threaten or influence the prosecution witnesses or tamper with evidence or create any sort of impediment in the trial etc.

9. It is clarified that nothing stated herein shall tantamount to an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

10. Copy of this order be sent to the Superintendent Jail concerned.

11. The present bail application stands disposed of in terms of the above order.

12. Put up for purpose fixed on date already fixed i.e.
11.05.2026.

(PREM KUMAR BARTHWAL)
Principal District & Sessions Judge
North District/Rohini Courts/Delhi
17.04.2026 (dv)