

BAIL MATTERS No.1227/2026
STATE OF DELHI VS SONU KUMAR
FIR No.196/2026
PS (KASHMERE GATE)
U/s 112(2)/314/317 (5)/3(5)/61(2) BNS & 103 DP Act

04.07.2026

This bail application is taken up in pursuance of Order No. 15215–15245/Bail Power/Gaz/2026.

Present: Ms. Sujata, Ld. Addl. PP for the State.
Sh. A.K. Mishra and Sh. S. Haq, Ld. Counsels for
applicant/accused.

Arguments heard.
Put up for order at 04:00 PM.

BAIL ORDER AT 04:00 PM

1. This is the 2nd bail application u/s 483 BNSS filed on behalf of applicant/accused Sonu Kumar for grant of regular bail. 1st bail application was dismissed by this court vide order dated 06.05.2026. Previous bail applications were dismissed by Ld. MM vide Order dated 22.04.2026 as well 09.06.2026.

2. Ld. Counsel for the applicant/accused submits that no bail application is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi or Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

3. Ld. Counsel for the applicant/accused submits that the applicant/accused has been falsely implicated in the present case and has been in judicial custody since 12.04.2026. It is further argued that the applicant is relative of co-accused Alopi Mahto and had come to meet his relative in Delhi, where he was apprehended. Ld. Counsel submits that applicant/accused has no previous involvement. He further submits that the recovery has already been affected and chargesheet has already been filed therefore, the applicant/accused is

no longer required for custodial interrogation. Accordingly, it is prayed that the present application be allowed.

4. On the other hand, Ld. Addl. PP for the State vehemently opposed the present bail application. She argued that 46 mobile phones have been recovered from the possession of accused persons. She further argued that co-accused persons are yet to be apprehended. She further argued that on the CDR analysis of mobile phones of accused persons substantiates their presence at various locations of crime and establishes their active involvement in an organized crime syndicate. It is further argued by Ld. Addl. PP for the State that co-accused Alopi Mahto @ Alok Kumar was involved in 21 cases, co-accused Nandan Kumar Mahto was involved in 03 cases and co-accused Sheikh Soman @ Sheikh Subhan was involved in 02 cases of same type of offences, which clearly reflects the habitual and organized criminal conduct of the gang. She further argued that further investigation is still pending.

5. I have heard the rival contentions of the Ld. Counsel for the accused/applicant as well as the Ld. Addl. PP for the State and perused the record.

6. The brief facts of the case are that present applicant/accused alongwith five other co-accused persons were apprehended while traveling in an auto rickshaw being driven by co-accused and during the search conducted at the spot, total 46 mobile phones were recovered, out of which 35 mobile phones were recovered in a white cloth bag, while remaining mobile phones were recovered from the possessions of the accused persons.

7. After hearing the submissions advanced by both sides and upon perusal of the bail application, the reply filed by the

Investigating Officer and the material available on record, it appears that the applicant/accused is in judicial custody since 12.04.2026. The charge-sheet has already been filed, wherein 34 witnesses have been cited by the prosecution and the offences mentioned in the chargesheet are punishable upto 7 years. Trial is still at initial stages as charges are yet to be framed.

8. Having regard to the fact that the applicant has no previous criminal antecedents and that the trial is likely to take considerable time to conclude, this Court is of the considered view that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the applicant in further judicial custody. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and bearing in mind the settled principle that bail is the rule and jail is the exception, accused/applicant Sonu Kumar Mehto is admitted to bail on furnishing of personal bond and surety bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) each to the satisfaction of Ld. JMFC/Link JMFC/Duty JMFC **subject to the following conditions :**

- i. He shall appear before the Trial Court on each and every date, without fail.
- ii. In addition, the accused/applicant shall furnish the relevant information relating to his residential/permanent address and contact details.
- iii. Applicant/accused shall also inform the court about the change of his residential address;
- iv. Applicant/accused shall not approach/contact any witness directly or indirectly and shall not interfere with the fair trial of this case;
- v. Applicant/accused shall not misuse the liberty of bail granted by this court;

- vi. The applicant/accused shall not leave the jurisdiction of the country without prior permission of the Court till the case registered against him is disposed off.
9. The observations made above are only for the purpose of consideration of the application for bail and nothing stated therein above shall be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.
10. The bail application of the applicant/accused Sonu Kumar Mehto stands disposed of accordingly.
11. Copy of the Order be given *Dasti* to all concerned.
12. ***A soft copy of this order be also sent to Jail Superintendent today itself through Email.***

(PRIYANKA BHAGAT)
Addl. Sessions Judge-(SC-RC)
Central/Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
(Judge-Bail Roster)
04.07.2026