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

+ **CRL.M.C. 320/2026 & CRL.M.A. 1207/2026 (stay)**

JOHNSON K.A

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Pramod K. Dubey and Mr. Mohit Mathur, Sr. Advocates with Ms. Priya Singh, Mr. Manav Goyal, Mr. Anirban Bhattacharya, Ms. Pallavi Garg, Ms. Ritika, Ms. Amrita Sony, Mr. Abhishek Jaiswal, Ms. Aparna Iyer, Ms. Aastha Arora, Mr. Sanchit Aggarwal, Ms. Anushka Koushika and Mr. Priyanshu Raj, Advocates

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Jain, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Akhand Pratap Singh, Advocate and Mr. Amol Sinha, ASC for the State and Mr. Kshitiz Garg and Ashvini Kumar, Advocates with Inspector Ramkesh, PS EOW
Mr. Rajiv Nayar, Mr. Sidharth Luthra, Mr. Anurag Ahluwalia and Mr. Vikas Pahwa Senior Advocates with Mr. Annirudh Sharma, Ms. Devika Mohan, Ms. Manyaa Chandok, Mr. Om Batra and Mr. Jasmeet Singh, Advocates for R-2 & R-3.

+ **CRL.M.C. 321/2026 & CRL.M.A. 1209/2026**

ACHAL KUMAR JINDAL

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Mahesh Jethmalani, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Apoorv Agarwal, Mr. Ravi Sharma, Mr. Manav Goyal, Mr.



Abhishek Jaiswal, Ms. Aparna Iyer,
Mr. Gaurav Sarkar, Mr. Siddharth
Handa, Ms. Anjani Kumar Rai, Mr.
Praful Kumar and Ms. Ankita Singh
Advocates

versus

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and Mr. Kshitiz Garg and Ashvini
Kumar, Advocates with Inspector
Ramkesh, PS EOW
Mr. Rajiv Nayar, Mr. Sidharth Luthra,
Mr. Anurag Ahluwalia and Mr. Vikas
Pahwa Senior Advocates with Mr.
Annirudh Sharma, Ms. Devika
Mohan, Ms. Manyaa Chandok, Mr.
Om Batra and Mr. Jasmeet Singh,
Advocates for R-2 & R-3.

+ **CRL.M.C. 925/2026, CRL.M.A. 3654/2026 & CRL.M.A.
3653/2026**

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Mathur, Sr. Advocates with Ms. Priya
Singh, Mr. Manav Goyal, Advocates

versus

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GIRISH KATHPALIA

ORDER

03.02.2026

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1. It is already 04:50pm.
2. It is informed by learned senior counsel for respondents that order dated 15.01.2026 of this Court was challenged by the present petitioners by way of SLP (CRL.) 1325-1327/2026 but the Supreme Court found it not fit to interfere.
3. It is submitted by learned senior counsel for petitioners that in the meanwhile, EOW has already obtained NBWs against the petitioners Achal Kumar Jindal and Johnson K.A. On this aspect, CRL. M.C. 925/2026 has been filed by petitioner Achal Kumar Jindal to challenge issuance of NBWs.
4. Learned senior counsel for respondents submit that after order dated 15.01.2026 of this Court, notices were issued to the petitioners to join investigation, but they failed to do so despite order dated 15.01.2026, so NBWs were obtained even prior to the SLPs were heard.
5. In the course of earlier hearings also, a query was raised as to why the petitioners have opted not to file application for anticipatory bail, instead of pressing for stay on arrest in the present proceedings under Section 482 CrPC. On this aspect, learned senior counsel for petitioners submit that it is right of the petitioners to opt for either of the remedies. But adjudication of this submission will take time because both sides have to address at length.
6. Irrespective of the decision of the petitioners not to apply for anticipatory bail, the issue before this Court is of liberty of the petitioners. That being so, it is directed that the matter be listed tomorrow itself,



immediately after bail matters irrespective of the placement of these matters in the cause list.

7. Keeping in mind the nature and scope of these proceedings, both sides shall submit tomorrow at the inception as regards the time to be taken by each side in concluding their arguments including arguments on maintainability.

8. List on 04.02.2026.

GIRISH KATHPALIA, J

FEBRUARY 3, 2026

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