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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. Mohit Mathur, Senior 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, Senior 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, Senior Advocate with Mr. Apoorv Agarwal, Mr. Ravi Sharma, Mr. Manav Goyal,



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

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+ **CRL.M.C. 925/2026, CRL.M.A. 3654/2026, CRL.M.A. 3653/2026 & CRL.M.A.3655/2026**

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CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GIRISH KATHPALIA

ORDER
04.02.2026

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1. In furtherance of last order, Mr. Jethmalani, Senior Advocate submits that for arguments on interim relief he will take one hour; Mr. Mathur, Senior Advocate submits that he will take almost 10-15 minutes; Mr. Jain, Senior Advocate submits that he will take two and a half hour and the remaining learned Senior Counsel will only assist Mr. Jain. At this stage, Mr. Jain, Senior Advocate submits that he needs three hours to conclude because he would also address on maintainability of these petitions.
2. As clarified in last order, these three cases are being taken up on priority basis because issue of liberty is involved as the petitioners claim that they have a right to seek stay of arrest without seeking anticipatory bail.
3. All learned Senior Counsel are requested to try to conclude in lesser time, if possible.
4. Arguments on interim relief addressed by Mr. Jethmalani, Senior Advocate partly heard. It is lunch time. Resume at 02:30pm.

GIRISH KATHPALIA, J

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

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5. Arguments on interim relief addressed by Mr. Jethmalani, Senior Advocate stand concluded. Now, Mr. Mathur, Senior Advocate has to commence his submissions. But it is 02:55 pm and a heavy board is pending,



which includes some more cases of liberty. Therefore, these matters have to be adjourned.

6. However, **in view of submissions advanced so far, liberty is granted to the petitioners to apply for anticipatory bail irrespective of pendency of these petitions.**

7. Relist on 05.02.2026 immediately after bail matters, irrespective of placement of these petitions in the cause list.

8. At request of Mr. Luthra, Senior Advocate, it is made clear that liberty granted to file anticipatory bail does not mean that I have tested the matter on merits in that regard.

GIRISH KATHPALIA, J

FEBRUARY 4, 2026/as