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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **CRL.REV.P.(NI) 46/2026**
DR ADARSH BEHL

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Luqman S. Hasan and Dr. S.Q.
Kazim, Advocates.

versus

SHRI VINOD GARG

.....Respondent

Through: None.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER

% **18.02.2026**

CRL.M.A. 5286/2026 (Exemption)

Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

CRL.REV.P.(NI) 46/2026 & CRL.M.(BAIL) 362/2026 (suspension of sentence)

1. Petitioner-Dr. Adarsh Behl faced trial for commission of offence under Section 138 of *Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881*.
2. He was held guilty by the learned Trial Court *vide* judgment dated 19.08.2023 and was sentenced *vide* order dated 19.08.2023 for twelve months SI and has been fined Rs. 8 lacs. There was also a direction that complainant shall be entitled to receive such entire amount as compensation and in default thereof, the petitioner would undergo SI for a period of two months.
3. When appeal was filed, such appeal i.e. Criminal Appeal No. 307/2023 was dismissed on 07.02.2026 and while maintaining order on sentence, the

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convict i.e. petitioner herein was directed to surrender before the learned Trial Court.

4. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that the surrender is scheduled for today i.e.18.02.2026. A copy of order dated 16.02.2026 has been shown. Taken on record.

5. Learned counsel for petitioner has annexed one communication dated 21.03.2025 received from Superintendent of Prison, Central Jail No.2, Tihar, New Delhi, which indicates that the convict has undergone custody in jail in the complaint in question for 11 months and 25 days (w.e.f. 19.08.2023 to 13.08.2024).

6. It is in the abovesaid backdrop that the petitioner also seeks suspension of sentence. It is claimed that he is in his seventies, with no criminal antecedents. It is, however, apprised that he has been sentenced in two other complaint cases also and suspension of sentence is being sought in said cases.

7. It is contended that all such complaints are false and frivolous.

8. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in mind the long incarceration period, the sentence may be suspended without any further condition.

9. None appears for respondent, despite advance notice.

10. The petitioner is present in Court and keeping in mind the overall facts and in particular the abovesaid incarceration period, he is directed to appear before this Court on 10.03.2026 and, in the interregnum, he need not surrender before the learned Trial Court. Resultantly, the sentence stands suspended till next date of hearing.

11. The Jail Superintendent concerned is directed to send Nominal Roll of the petitioner, before the next date of hearing.



12. Issue notice to respondent through all permissible modes.
13. List before the learned Roster Bench on 10.03.2026.
14. A copy of this order be given *dasti* under the signatures of Court Master.

MANOJ JAIN, J

FEBRUARY 18, 2026/ss/js