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

+ CRL.M.C. 2291/2026

HARSH BHADANA @ MANISH

.....Petitioner

Through:

versus

STATE GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANR.Respondents

Through: Mr. Manoj Pant, APP for the State.

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SWARANA KANTA SHARMA

ORDER

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29.05.2026

CRL.M.A. 17590/2026 (early hearing)

1. By way of the present application, the petitioner seeks early hearing of the petition.
2. The learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner draws this Court's attention to an order dated 11.02.2020, passed by the learned Trial Court, which reads as under:

"File taken up today on an application moved on behalf of applicant/complainant Harsh Bhadana for seeking protection, of life and security of witnesses.

Counsel says that one of the accused namely Atar Rehman @ Atwa @ Sohail was granted interim bail on 13.01.2020 by this court which was extended twice, on the medical ground of his parents, who had met with an accident. However, said accused Jumped bail as he failed to surrender after expiry of extended period of interim bail. Counsel further says that complainant Harsh Bhadana including his mother Suman and brother Hitesh Sagar Bhadana are apprehending threats against their life and security and in that regard, complaints to SHO and DCP concerned have already been made.

In view of above facts and circumstances, SHO P.S. concerned is



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directed to take necessary action and provide the applicant/complainant and his family members proper police protection and file the compliance report within two days. DCP South District is also directed to look into the matter and ensure police protection to the complainant and his family members: till the accused Atar Rehman @ Atwa gets arrested in the matter.

Let a request letter be also sent to Ld. Member Secretary, DSLSA to look into the matter and pass appropriate directions for providing protection: to the victims of the offence, under Witness Protection Scheme, 2015.

Let copy of this order be sent to the office of DSLSA, Patiala House Court. Let copy of this order be also sent to SHOPS concerned and DCP, South for necessary compliance.

Let compliance report be filed within two days.”

3. Considering the overall facts and circumstances, and since the present application is pending before this Court, seeking cancellation of the bail granted to respondent no. 2, this Court directs that upon an application for protection being moved by the petitioner herein, the Witness Protection Committee of the concerned District Court will decide it expeditiously, within a period of 10 days from the receipt of the said application.
4. The learned counsel appearing for respondent no. 2 states that he has not received the copy of the present application. Let copy of the same be supplied to him.
5. Reply, if any, be filed within two weeks from date, with an advance copy to the other side.
6. List on date already fixed, i.e., 03.07.2026.
7. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

DR. SWARANA KANTA SHARMA, J

MAY 29, 2026/A/TD