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

CNR No. DLHC010124142012

+ **CRL.A. 1110/2012**

SHEELA DEVI

.....Appellant

Through: Mr. Bhupesh Narula, Ms. Rinku Narula, Ms. Poonam Nagpal, Mr. Anugrah Ekka, Mr. Kanishk Taneja, Adv.

versus

STATE

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Ritesh Kumar Bahri APP with Mr. Lalit Luthra, Mr. Randeep Kumar, Mr. Vinesh Kumar and Mr. Rishabh, Adv. Mr. M.L. Yadav, Mr. R.S. Yadav, Mr. Prashant and Mr. Piyush Saini, Adv. for R-2 and 5.

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

JUSTICE VIKAS MAHAJAN

ORDER

% **24.08.2026**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. In this matter, *vide* order dated 3rd September, 2013, the Court had directed that the MLC of the Complainant would be permitted to be proved before the Trial Court by leading additional evidence.
3. The said additional evidence was led before the Trial Court and the same has also come on record. Thereafter, when the matter has been taken up for final hearing, the issue raised is that the said additional evidence has not been put to the accused and statement under Section 313 of the Code of



Criminal Procedure, 1973 (hereinafter, 'Cr.P.C') has not been recorded. Moreover, an opportunity for the defence to lead any evidence has also not been given.

4. Considering that the incident in this case dates back to intervening night of 24th and 25th July, 2004 and the additional evidence was also recorded almost 13 years ago, it is deemed appropriate to list this matter before the Joint Registrar of this Court for recording of the statement of the accused under Section 313 of the Cr.P.C. After the recording of the said statements, an opportunity be given to the defence to lead any further evidence, if required, only in respect of the MLC.

5. Accordingly, list before the Joint Registrar on 14th September, 2026.

6. List before the Court on 25th November, 2026.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

VIKAS MAHAJAN, J.

AUGUST 24, 2026/MR/CK