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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ CRL.M.C. 4274/2024 & CRL.M.A. 16242/2024, CRL.M.A.
38089/2024

SURAJ PRAKASH

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Pallav Shishodia, Senior
Advocate with Mr. Lokendra Malik
and Mr. Danish Zubair Khan,
Advocates

versus

THE STATE OF NCT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Manoj Pant, APP for the State
with Mr. Rohan Mittal, Mr. Rohan
Bhati, Advocates and SI Pooja

CORAM:
HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SWARANA KANTA SHARMA

ORDER
30.04.2026

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1. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner draws this Court's attention to an order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court *vide* which this Court was directed to expedite the proceedings in this case.
2. On the last date of hearing itself, it is noted that neither respondent no. 2 nor her counsel was present.
3. The Court also notes that respondent no. 2 had put in appearance on 05.08.2024 and *vide* an order dated 05.08.2024, respondent no. 2 had been directed to file reply. However, respondent no. 2 despite knowing the date of hearing fixed before this Court and also knowing that they have to file reply



and last opportunity had been granted in this regard, has wilfully and knowingly decided, neither to appear this Court or to file reply.

4. In these circumstances, opportunity to file reply stands closed.

5. Since the complainant has voluntarily not appeared before the Court, it is presumed that she is not interested to pursue this case.

6. The Court therefore proceeds to hear the learned counsel for the petitioner.

7. Arguments on behalf of the petitioner have been '*part-heard*'.

8. Let the Trial Court Record, in digitized form, be called for, within two weeks from date.

9. Since the case is adjourned for further arguments, in case the complainant still wishes to address arguments, she will be at liberty to address arguments on the next date of hearing.

10. List for final disposal on 09.07.2026.

11. Interim order(s), if any, to continue.

12. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

DR. SWARANA KANTA SHARMA, J

APRIL 30, 2026/ns