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

+ **CRL.A. 273/2018**

**NEERAJ**

.....Appellant

Through: Ms. Aishwarya Rao, Advocate.

versus

**STATE (NCT OF DELHI)**

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Hemant Mehla, APP.  
SI Shivali, P.S. Mukherjee Nagar.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA**

**ORDER**

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**11.02.2025**

**CRL.M.A. 4238/2025** *(seeking exemption from filing original documents and original/ certified copies of the annexures)*

1. Exemption is granted, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The Applicant shall file legible and clearer copies of exempted documents, compliant with practice rules, before the next date of hearing.
3. Accordingly, the application stands disposed of.

**CRL.M.A. 4237/2025** *(seeking early hearing)*

4. On the previous date, the following order was passed:

“1. No appearance on behalf of Appellant has been recorded on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 and on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. Position is the same even today.

2. Accordingly, Mr. Archit Upadhyay, Counsel for DHCLSC is directed to ascertain whether the Appellant would like to have the assistance of the counsel.”



3. *Renotify on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.*”

5. There is no persuasive explanation provided by the Appellant for not appearing on the pervious dates of hearing as noted above. Ms. Aishwarya Rao, counsel who represents the Appellant, however states that non-appearance of the Appellant was on account of default on behalf of the Appellant’s previous counsel who had stopped appearing on behalf of the Appellant. She refers to order dated 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 to point out that she was discharged from representing the Appellant and Mr. Pankaj Kumar, Mr. Akhilesh Kumar Pandey and Mr. Manoj Kumar, Advocates had represented the Appellant. However, since there was no appearance on behalf of the Appellant’s counsel on subsequent dates, the Appellant once again approached DHCLSC seeking legal representation and accordingly, the instant application has been filed.

6. Since the question is about the Appellant’s custody, the request for early hearing is allowed and the application is disposed of.

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7. The latest Nominal Roll be requisitioned from the concerned Jail Superintendent before the next date of hearing.

8. Copy of the order be sent to the concerned Jail Superintendent, for necessary information and compliance.

9. List on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

10. The date of 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2025, stands cancelled.

**SANJEEV NARULA, J**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2025/as**