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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **CRL.M.C. 8246/2023 & CRL.M.A. 30668/2023**

SUMIT GUPTA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Amit Gupta with Mr. Kshitij
Vaibhav and Ms. Muskan Nagpal,
Advocates.

versus

STATE (N.C.T. OF DELHI) & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sunil Kumar Gautam, APP for the
State with Si Somika, PS Bindapur.
Mr. Rajneesh Bashkar, Advocate
(DHCLSC) with Mr. Atul Kumar,
Advocate (through V.C.)

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER

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07.01.2026

1. Petitioner seeks quashing of FIR No.420/2023 dated 15.07.2023 registered for commission of offence under Section 376 IPC and under Section 4 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.
2. It is informed that prior to the abovesaid registration of FIR, the mother of the child in question had also lodged one FIR which was registered as FIR No.17/2023, PS Connaught Place for offences under Section 376 IPC. However, at the moment, the petitioner seeks quashing of the subsequent FIR i.e. FIR 420/2023 for the reason that the registration is based on a cooked-up story and is, totally, false and fictitious. He, however, fairly, admits that the child in question has already been examined and it is also undertaken that

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copy of her deposition would be placed on record, well before the next date of hearing.

3. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 has also joined the proceedings through *video conferencing*. He would be at liberty to file a brief reply to the present petition with advance copy to opposite side.

4. In the interregnum, let digitized copy of the Trial Court Record be also requisitioned.

5. List on 02.03.2026.

MANOJ JAIN, J

JANUARY 7, 2026
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