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

+ **CRL.M.C. 6787/2025**

SMT PISIPATI VENKATA NAGA SRI DEEPTIPetitioner

Through: Mr. Tadimalla Bhaskar Gowtham and
Mr. Rishav Dubey, Advs.

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANRRespondents

Through: Mr. Satish Kumar, APP for State with
Ms. Upasna Bakshi, Adv.
SI Reena, PS Prashant Vihar

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY DIGPAUL

ORDER

% **03.12.2025**

CRL.M.A. 35979/2025 (seeking permission to join investigation through VC)

1. The present application under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter "BNSS") seeks permission for the petitioner to join the investigation through Video Conferencing (hereinafter "VC") in FIR No. 258/2025 dated 03.05.2025, Police Station Prashant Vihar, registered under Section 380 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been residing in Sunnyvale, California, USA, along with her two-year-old child and is employed on a visa that mandates continued physical presence in the United States. Travel to India, at this stage, would adversely affect her professional obligations and visa status. It is submitted that the petitioner has already cooperated in the investigation, including through WhatsApp video interactions with the Investigating Officers on 25.05.2025 and 09.06.2025,



and has repeatedly expressed willingness to join further investigation through VC. It is further submitted that despite being aware of the Petitioner's residence abroad, a notice under Section 35.3 of the BNSS was issued directing her physical appearance.

3. Learned APP for the State, opposes the request but does not dispute the fact that the petitioner is residing abroad.

4. This Court is of the view that the appearance or participation through electronic communication, where circumstances justify such a direction, can be permitted. There is no allegation of non-cooperation or evasion.

5. Additionally, it appears that the dispute is essentially matrimonial in nature, arising out of differences between the husband and wife, in which both parties have initiated proceedings against each other.

6. At this stage, the requirement is only to join investigation, and no purpose would be served by compelling physical travel when effective participation can be secured through VC.

7. In view of above, this Court is satisfied that the request merits acceptance with the following directions:

- i. The petitioner is permitted to join the investigation through VC in connection with FIR No. 258/2025.
- ii. The Investigating Officer shall fix the date and time for joining investigation via VC and shall intimate the petitioner at least 48 hours in advance.
- iii. The petitioner shall remain available online as directed and cooperate fully, including by furnishing documents or information sought by the Investigating Officer.



8. The application stands allowed in the above terms and the same is disposed of accordingly.

DECEMBER 3, 2025/ar/yr

AJAY DIGPAUL, J