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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 3235/2025**

RAVINDER RANA

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Vrinda Bhandari, Ms. Nitya Jain
and Mr. Sachin Tokas, Advocates.

versus

THE STATE NCT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Rahul Tyagi, ASC for the State
with Mr. Sangeet Sibon, Mr.
Shubham Goyal and Mr. Aniket,
Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI

ORDER

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28.01.2026

CRL.M.A. 2843/2026

By way of the present application filed under section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, the petitioner seeks permission to work at a private polyclinic in accordance with Rule 1330 read with the definition of 'open prison', as contained in Rule 2(36) of the Delhi Prison Rules 2018.

2. Ms. Vrinda Bhandari, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits, that by the very definition of an 'open prison', a prisoner is permitted to take up employment *outside* the prison. However, the petitioner's application seeking permission to work at a private polyclinic outside prison has been declined by the competent authority, with the remark "*not allow in private*", as recorded in Status Report dated 03.11.2025.
3. Issue notice.



4. Mr. Rahul Tyagi, learned ASC appears for the State on advance copy; accepts notice; and seeks time to take instructions, and if necessary to file a status report/counter-affidavit.
5. Let status report/counter-affidavit be filed within 03 weeks; with copy to the opposing counsel.
6. Re-notify on 25th February 2026,
7. The date of 06.02.2026, given earlier, stands cancelled.

ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J

JANUARY 28, 2026/hb