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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ BAIL APPLN. 3135/2022

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..... Petitioner Through: Mr. Kartik Murukutla. Advocate

versus

NATIONAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY & ANR...... Respondents Through: Ms. Shilpa Singh, SPP for NIA with Mr. Aquib Ahmad, Advocate with Insp. Bimal Singh

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH <u>O R D E R</u> 19.10.2022

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CRL.M.A. 21445/2022

Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The application stands disposed of.

BAIL APPLN. 3135/2022

This is an application seeking bail in FIR No. RC 6/2012/NIA/DLI, PS NIA, New Delhi U/s 17, 18, 18B, 20 UAPA & 121A & 123 IPC.

It is stated by Mr. Kartik Murukutla, learned counsel appearing for the applicant that the applicant has been in custody since 01.10.2013 and has spent more than 9 years incarceration. He further states that charges have not been framed even till now and there are 369 witnesses.

Ms. Shilpa Singh, learned special PP NIA States that in the present case, the applicant has not approached the Special Court, which is a remedy available to the applicant.

Mr. Murukutla, learned counsel for the applicant states that he wishes to withdraw the present bail application with liberty to approach the Court of Sessions on similar ground. However, he states that in the present case, the applicant has already undergone incarceration for 9 years and charges have not been framed yet and hence, a time frame may be indicated for disposing of the bail application. The request seems to be justified.

For the aforesaid reasons, the bail application is dismissed as withdrawn with liberty to the applicant to approach the Special Court on the same grounds raised in the present bail application.

The Special Court will hear and dispose of the bail application of the applicant within 75 days from the date of this order.

With these directions, the application is disposed of.

A copy of this order be given *dasti* under the signatures of the Court Master.

JASMEET SINGH, J

OCTOBER 19, 2022/*rhc*

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