

राष्ट्रपति भवन, गृह मंत्रालय और NHAI से जुड़ा बताकर प्रभाव जमाने के आरोपों वाले चर्चित मामले में आरोपी को जमानत

नई दिल्ली : 18 जून। दिल्ली पुलिस की स्पेशल सेल द्वारा दर्ज एक चर्चित मामले में पटियाला हाउस कोर्ट ने आरोपी मुकेश लाल शाह को नियमित जमानत प्रदान कर दी है। उक्त मामला उस समय सुर्खियों में आया था जब स्पेशल सेल ने छापेमारी कर कथित रूप से ऐसे नेटवर्क का खुलासा करने का दावा किया था, जिसके सदस्य स्वयं को विभिन्न महत्वपूर्ण सरकारी संस्थानों और उच्च पदों से जुड़ा बताकर लोगों के बीच प्रभाव स्थापित करते थे। मामले में आरोप लगाए गए थे कि राष्ट्रपति भवन में एडीसी (ADC to the President), गृह मंत्रालय (MHA), राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राधिकरण (NHAI) सहित अन्य सरकारी विभागों से संबंध होने का दावा किया जाता था। स्पेशल सेल की कार्रवाई के बाद कई स्थानों पर

छापेमारी की गई थी तथा आरोपियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया था। मामले की गंभीरता और जांच एजेंसी की कार्रवाई के कारण यह प्रकरण लंबे समय तक चर्चा में बना रहा। मंगलवार को पटियाला हाउस कोर्ट में सुनवाई के दौरान आरोपी मुकेश लाल शाह की ओर से एडवोकेट विष्णु जोशी, आशु सिंह एवं अंकित भूषण पेश हुए। बचाव पक्ष ने न्यायालय के समक्ष दलील दी कि आरोपी का नाम प्रारम्भिक शिकायत में नहीं था, उसके कब्जे से अभी तक कोई आपत्तिजनक दस्तावेज अथवा अन्य आपराधिक सामग्री बरामद नहीं हुई है तथा कथित आरोपों के समर्थन में उसके विरुद्ध प्रत्यक्ष साक्ष्य उपलब्ध नहीं हैं। बचाव पक्ष ने यह भी तर्क रखा कि मामले की जांच पूरी हो चुकी है, आरोपपत्र दाखिल किया जा चुका है तथा आरोपी



लम्बे समय से न्यायिक हिरासत में है। दोनों पक्षों की दलीलें सुनने के बाद न्यायालय ने आरोपी को नियमित जमानत प्रदान कर दी। न्यायालय ने जमानत आदेश के साथ आवश्यक शर्तें भी निर्धारित की हैं। मामले की आगे की सुनवाई संबंधित ट्रायल कोर्ट में जारी रहेगी। कानूनी हलकों में इस आदेश को मामले की कार्यवाही के एक महत्वपूर्ण घटनाक्रम के रूप में देखा जा रहा है।

Delhi Court Grants Bail to Accused of Posing as Senior Official in High Profile Impersonation Scam

New Delhi: Patiala House Courts has granted regular bail to Mukesh Lal Shah, an accused arrested by the Delhi Police Special Cell for his alleged involvement in a high-profile syndicate that duped citizens by impersonating top-tier government officials. The prosecution alleged that the network established influence by falsely claiming high - ranking connections to prestigious institutions, including the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the Intelligence Bureau (IB), and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), to induce victims under the pretext of securing lucrative government appointments. The Special Cell registered the case under various sections, asserting that Shah actively participated in the conspiracy alongside co-accused by making phone calls to victims while masquerading as a senior Government official. Representing the accused, Advocates Vishnu Joshi, Ankit Bhushan, and Ashu Singh vehemently

argued that Shah is an innocent law-abiding citizen and had no criminal antecedents. The defense contended that Shah's name was entirely missing from the initial FIR, no financial trail or payments were linked to him, and the only item recovered from his possession was a personal mobile phone, with no forged documents or cash found. They further emphasized that since the main charge-sheet has already been filed, his continued custodial interrogation after over three months in jail was entirely unnecessary. While acknowledging that the allegations are serious and impact public confidence in state institutions, the court observed that the investigation against the applicant stands completed, the evidence is primarily documentary and electronic in nature, and prolonged pre-trial detention cannot be justified. The court allowed the bail application, directing the accused to be released upon furnishing a personal bond, subject to strict conditions.

COURT RELEASES ACCUSED IN DELHI SPECIAL CELL'S ALLEGED GOVERNMENT IMPERSONATION CASE

New Delhi, Jun 18 (UNI) In a significant development in a case investigated by the Delhi Police Special Cell, the Patiala House Court has granted regular bail to an accused, who was arrested in connection with an alleged conspiracy involving impersonation of senior government officials and cheating people on the promise of securing prestigious appointments.

According to the police, certain persons had allegedly formed a network and posed as influential officials associated with various government departments and public institutions, including the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), the Intelligence Bureau (IB), the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and other authorities. The accused Mukesh Lal Shah allegedly induced victims on the pretext of arranging appointments to high-ranking posts and obtained money from them.

The prosecution alleged that Mukesh Lal Shah was associated with the conspiracy and projected himself as a senior NHAI official, making calls to prospective victims to lend credibility to the representations made by the principal accused. Co-accused, including Naveen Raghuvanshi and Nitin Baljeet, had earlier been apprehended.

During the hearing at Patiala House Court, counsel for the accused, **Advocates Vishnu Joshi, Ankit Bhushan and Ashu Singh**, argued that Shah's name did not figure in the FIR and that his implication was based on subsequent disclosures made during the investigation. They submitted that no victim had alleged paying money to him and that no forged documents, fake identity cards, cash, bank records or any other incriminating material had been recovered from his possession, except for an OPPO A11 mobile phone used for personal purposes.

The defence further contended that the accused had been in judicial custody since February 28, 2026, the charge sheet had already been filed, and custodial interrogation was no longer required.

Opposing the bail plea, the prosecution argued that the allegations were serious and that Shah had actively assisted the principal accused by projecting himself as a high-ranking NHAI official. The State also submitted that further investigation into the money trail and other victims was continuing and expressed apprehension that his release could affect the probe. However, Additional Sessions Judge Saurabh Partap Singh Laler, while noting the seriousness of the allegations, observed that the charge sheet had already been filed, the evidence was largely documentary and electronic in nature and there was no material showing previous criminal antecedents or any attempt by the accused to influence witnesses after his arrest. The court also noted that the co-accused, having a similar role, had already been granted bail. Accordingly, the court allowed the bail application and directed that Mukesh Lal Shah be released on furnishing a personal bond of Rs 50,000 with one surety of the like amount, subject to several conditions, including not influencing witnesses, not tampering with evidence, cooperating with the investigation, and not leaving the country without prior permission of the trial court.

The matter will now proceed before the trial court concerned.