

## Interim Bail to Delhi Chief Minister

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The <u>Supreme Court of India</u> has granted **interim bail** to the Delhi <u>Chief Minister</u> after he was arrested by the <u>Enforcement Directorate</u> in the <u>Delhi Liquor Policy case</u> in March 2024.

- The court stated that temporary release, known as "interim bail", can be granted in certain cases where there are compelling reasons and grounds, even if regular bail would not be considered justified.
  - Bail is the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial, usually granted upon payment of a set amount of money to the court.
  - The purpose of bail is to ensure that the accused will return for their court appearances.
  - Bail is typically granted at the discretion of the court, based on factors such as the severity of the alleged crime, the defendant's criminal history, and the likelihood of fleeing.
  - **Interim bail** is granted temporarily during the pendency of a case when regular bail cannot be immediately obtained.
  - The term "interim bail" is not explicitly defined in the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

# BAIL AND RELATED PROVISIONS IN INDIA

"The issue of bail is one of liberty, justice, public safety, and burden of the public treasury, all of which insist that a developed jurisprudence of bail is integral to a socially sensitised judicial process."

-Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer

## Constitutional Provision for Arrest - Article 22: Grants protection to individuals arrested or

detained, with detention classified into two **types**:

- Punitive detention: To punish a person for an offence committed by him after trial and conviction in a court
- (b) Preventive detention: Detention of a person without trial and conviction by a court
- Criminal Procedure Code, 1973: Doesn't define bail, but defines bailable and non-bailable offences:

Type of Offence	Bailable	Non-Bailable
Defined under CrPC as:	An offence mentioned in Schedule 1, or An offence made bailable by any other law	Any offence other than bailable
Power to Grant Bail	Bail as a right	Court/Police discretion based on the facts

#### **Bail vs Parole vs Probation**

Bail	Parole	Probation
■ Temporary release of defendant awaiting trial or appeal, secured by deposit to guarantee their appearance in court	When person gets some time off from jail sentence, for instance, to fulfil some requirements	Suspension of sentence of an offender, allowing to stay in community under supervision of an officer
■ Granted by Judge	By Parole Board	By Judge

## **Types of Bails in India**

**Regular Bail:** Court's order to release person under arrest in police custody

Interim Bail: Court grants temporary relief until application for Anticipatory Bail or Regular Bail is decided

Anticipatory Bail: Bail granted preemptively to prevent arrest

**Default Bail:** When police fail to complete investigation within specified period

■ Medical Bail: Solely on medical grounds

### **Cancellation of Bail - Certain Grounds**

Misuses his liberty by indulging in criminal activity

- Interferes with course of investigation
- Tampering of evidence
- Threatens witnesses, etc



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