

Misc. CrI. : 50/2026
Directorate of Enforcement Vs. N. Gurumoorthy

14.01.2026

Present: Sh. Simon Benjamin, Ld.Special PP along with Sh. Shiv Kumar Gupta AD Directorate of Enforcement. Sh. Sachin, Vaibhav Tomar, Prabhjot Singh, Hriman Dhaka, Ms. Pooja, Mr. Keshvam Punj and Jai Khapran, Ld. Counsels for the accused.

1. Fresh vakalatnama on behalf of arrestee filed.
2. By this order I shall decide the application filed on behalf of Directorate of Enforcement u/s 187 (2) of BNSS 2023 r/w Section 65 of PMLA seeking further custody of N. Gurumoorthy for 7 days.
3. Ld. Spl. PP for Directorate of Enforcement has argued that the custody of Mr. N. Gurumoorthy was granted by this court vide order dated 08.01.2026 and now further custody is required as the persons to whom notices were issued did not appear. Secondly, from the Digital devices voluminous data has been retrieved which is required to be confronted with the arrestee. It is thus submitted that keeping in mind the judgment of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in *Assistance Director Vs. Sunil Godhwani 2019 SCC Online Del. 11386* a reasonable time has to be granted to the investigating agency for unearthing the truth. It is thus submitted that custody of N. Gurumoorthy be extended for another 7 days.
4. On the other hand, Ld. Counsel for accused submits that 7 days custody was granted by this court on 08.01.2026 and no ground is made out to grant further custody for another 7 days.

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5. I have heard Ld. Counsels for the parties and perused the record.

6. Section 19 of PMLA requires that an arrest of the accused has to be on basis of some material in possession of competent officer and on the basis of the said material he should have reasons to believe that such person has been guilty of an offence, the said reason has to be recorded in writing.

7. In the present case the Directorate of Enforcement while conducting the investigation with respect to the commission of offence of money laundering in connection with ECIR/HIU-1/34/2025 dated 17.11.2025 conducted search at the premises of SEPL. Original stamps and blank letter heads of several bogus suppliers were recovered from the office of SEPL and around 100 bogus firms were identified. Information was shared with the jurisdictional police u/s 66(2) of PMLA and FIR bearing no. 336/2025 dated 27.12.2025 was registered against D.V.Rao & Ors. at PS DLF, Phase-III, Gurugram. As per the FIR SEPL has been paying Rs. 75 Lakhs per month to Verset Technologies under the guise of consultancy for several years and approx. Rs. 89 Crores has been illicitly diverted by SEPL from 2016-2017 to 2024-2025.

8. The application filed by Directorate of Enforcement reveals that one of the employee has categorically stated that he used to prepare purchase proposal from fake entities on the instructions of accused N.Gurumoorthy. Another employee has stated that she used to prepare note of payment approval for bogus companies as per the directions of the accused. It is further stated that the arrestee has not revealed of movable and

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immovable assests of SEPL and its Chairman D.V.Rao and is required to be confronted with the data extracted from the Digital Device.

9. I have perused the grounds of arrest, the reasons to believe for arrest. In view of the facts and circumstances this court is of the opinion that provisions of Section 19 of the PMLA relating to the arrest of the applicant in this case has been substantially complied with. Keeping in view the nature of allegations and the role of the arrestee in commission of the alleged offence there is a need for extending the custody for purpose of investigation. Hence, the custody of the arrestee is extended till 21.01.2026 for the purpose of detailed and sustained interrogation and shall be produced before the court on or before 2:00 pm. on that day. The directorate of Enforcement shall comply with the guidelines laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in case of *Paramvir Singh Saini Vs. Baljeet Singh & Ors. 2021 1 SCC 184*. Copy of the order be given dasti to the both the parties. The ED shall comply with all the legal provisions contained under PMLA, Cr.P.C. or any other applicable enactment.

10. Put up on 21.01.2026 at 2:00 pm.

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ASJ-04/Central/Delhi.
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