

M.L Case No 04 of 2025
CNR-WBCS01-00251-2025
Present: Sri Sukumar Ray
Chief Judge, City Sessions Court, Calcutta
J.O. CODE NO.WB00590.

Order No. 23 dated 28.11.2025

1. Today is fixed for hearing of the bail petition dated 27.11.2025 filed on behalf of accused Indubhusan Halder.
2. Both the accused persons, namely Azad Mallick @ Ahammed Hossain Azad and Indubhusan Halder are produced through virtual mode.
3. Ld. Special Public Prosecutors for the Enforcement Directorate are present and file written objection.
4. Investigation Officer is present with Case Diary.
5. Ld. Advocate for the accused persons are present.
6. One fresh Vakalatnma has been filed on behalf of accused Indubhusan Halder. Let the same be kept with the record.
7. Now, the bail petition of accused Indubhusan Halder is taken up for hearing.
8. The bail petition is moved.
9. Ld. Advocate for accused Indubhushan Halder prays for bail of this accused person on the grounds that-
 - i. he is in custody for the last 44 days;
 - ii. he is merely a Passport agent;
 - iii. the allegations against him are totally false and concocted;
 - iv. no incriminating articles were recovered from his possession;
 - v. the alleged financial transactions cited are minor;
 - vi. he is in no way connected with the alleged offence of money laundering;
 - vii. he is an old aged person and suffering from various ailments including heart diseases;
 - viii. he has complied with the notice and fully cooperated with the investigation;
 - ix. custodial interrogation is not required;
 - x. there is no further development in this case and
 - xi. he has fixed place of residence, so there is no chance of his absconsion
10. Ld. Special Public Prosecutors prays for rejection of bail prayer of this accused/petitioner on the ground that this accused/petitioner facilitated prime accused Azad Mallik in procuring fake and forged identities of different countries which also caused threat to our national security. He further submits that the anticipatory bail prayer of this accused person has already been rejected by the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta vide CRM(A) 1856 of 2025. So, he prays for rejection of bail prayer of this accused person.
11. I have carefully perused the case record and the case diary.

12. On careful perusal of the case diary, it prima facie appears that this accused/petitioner facilitated prime accused Azad Mallik in procuring fake and forged identities of different countries, which also caused threat to our national security.
13. It further prima facie appears that this accused/petitioner had played a pivotal role in facilitating several Bangladeshi Nationals to obtain Indian Passports.
14. It further prima faice appears that he made passports of the individuals on the basis of forged documents in lieu of money and he is directly involved in the process and activity connected to the proceeds of crime.
15. The offence of money laundering is a very serious offence which is committed by an individual with a deliberate desire and the motive to enhance his gains, disregarding the interest of the nation and the society as a whole, and such offence by no stretch of imagination can be regarded as an offence of trivial nature. The stringent provisions have been made in the Act to combat the menace of money laundering.
16. There is no material available, on record, which goes to suggest that there is reasonable grounds for believing that the accused/petitioner was no guilty of alleged offence under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. Moreover, smell of involvement of a racket to commit a crime of present description in a methodic manner pops up from the materials on record.
17. Considering the facts and circumstances, I am not inclined to allow the prayer for bail of this accused/ petitioner, namely Indubhushan Halder.
18. Hence, the prayer for bail of the accused/petitioner, namely, Indubhushan Halder, stands **rejected**.
19. Both the accused persons be remanded to J.C till 10.12.2025.
20. Todate i.e. on **10.12.2025** for production of the accused persons.
21. Let a copy of this order be sent to the Superintendent of Presidency Correctional Home for information and necessary compliance.
22. Let a copy of this order be also given to the I.O through Ld. Special Public Prosecutor for Enforcement Directorate for information.

Dictated & corrected by me

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