M.L Case No 04 of 2025
CNR-WBCS01-00251-2025
Present: Sri Sudipta Kumar De
J.O. CODE NO.WB01136
Chief Judge,
City Sessions Court, Calcutta

Order No. 42 dated 06.06.2026

1. Today is fixed for production & appearance of accused persons, hearing of the bail petition dated 20.05.2026 filed on behalf of accused Ajad Mallick and inspection of documents.
2. Accused persons, namely Azad Mallick @ Ahammed Hossain Azad and Indubhusan Halder are produced virtually from J/C.
3. Accused person, namely, Pritam Majumder, on bail, is present.
4. Accused persons, namely, Sabbir Ali and Kanchan Das, on bail, are absent today.
5. M/s Golden Forex & Travels Pvt. Ltd is being represented by accused Pritam Majumder in terms of section 305 of the Cr.P.C.
6. Ld. Advocate representing the accused Sabbir Ali and Kanchan Da is present and filed petition u/s 317 of Cr.P.C. on their behalf.
7. Ld. Advocates for rest accused persons are present.
8. Ld. Special Public Prosecutors for the Enforcement Directorate are present.
9. Now, the bail petition of accused Azad Mallick @ Ahammed Hossain Azad is taken up for hearing.
10. Ld. Advocate for Azad Mallick @ Ahammed Hossain Azad submitted that he is detained in custody more than one year and two months and that he is totally innocent and the entire allegations levelled against him are totally false, fabricated and baseless. He further submitted that there is no material on record to substantiate the allegation that he is a Bangladeshi national or that he has acquired any proceeds of crime. He further submitted that no incriminating materials have been seized from his possession and that he has a fixed place of residence and there is no chance of his absconsion. So, he prayed for bail considering his prolong incarceration.
11. In support of his contention, he placed his reliance upon the judgment of the Hon'ble Court passed in *State of Rajasthan Vs Balchand @ Baliay*, reported in *1977 AIR 2477.*
12. Ld. Special Public Prosecutor representing the Enforcement Directorate submitted that the investigation clearly established that the accused is a Bangladeshi National residing in India without valid documents and that he was involved in making fraudulent Indian Passports by illicit means to facilitate the illegal immigrants in lieu of money. He further submitted that he has opened several bank accounts by fraudulent means and crores of rupees being a part of proceeds of crime has been deposited in his bank accounts. He further submitted that he was involved in exchanging money along with his other associates and used to operate hawala channel to transfer money to foreign countries. He further submitted that the bail prayer, on the grounds of long detention, of the accused should be rejected in limini as he posses severe flight risk and threat to National Security and has generated massive proceeds of crime.

13. Heard both sides.
14. Perused the entire case record, the bail application and written objection against the same, and the judgment cited by the Ld. Defence Counsel.
15. The allegation of money laundering is different from other offences because it does not punish the original crime itself, but instead punishes the act of hiding or disguising the illegal origin of money already gained from a crime. While offences like fraud or embezzlement focus on how money was wrongly taken, money laundering focuses on making that acquired money look clean by moving it through banks or businesses or otherwise. This makes money laundering a grave offence which demands a comprehensive and methodical investigation and step by step inquiry which can trace the full sequence of financial transactions, expose hidden conduits and beneficiaries.
16. There are allegations that the accused procured fake and forged identity documents from various countries, thereby posing a threat to national security and that he played a key role in facilitating several Bangladeshi nationals in obtaining Indian passports. There are further allegations that Azad Mallick @ Ahammed Hossain Azad is accused of arranging passports for individuals on the basis of forged documents in exchange for monetary consideration and of being involved in activities connected with the generation, concealment, and use of the proceeds of crime.
17. At this stage, there is no material available, on record, which goes to suggest that there is reasonable grounds for believing that the accused is not guilty of alleged offence under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. Moreover, the alleged involvement of a racket to commit a crime of present description in a methodic manner comes out from the materials on record.
18. Considering the facts and circumstances, allegation against the accused and also considering the materials in the record, this Court is not inclined to allow the prayer for bail of this accused/ petitioner, namely, Azad Mallick @ Ahammed Hossain Azad.
19. Hence, the prayer for bail of the accused/petitioner, namely, Azad Mallick @ Ahammed Hossain Azad stands **rejected**.
20. To **20.06.2026** for production & appearance of the accused persons/company and consideration of charge.
21. Accused persons be remanded to J.C till 20.06.2026.
22. Accused persons, on bail, as before.
23. Let a copy of this order be sent to the Superintendent of Presidency Correctional Home for information and necessary compliance.
24. 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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