

M.L. CASE NO. 04 OF 2025
CNR NO.WBCS01-000251-2025
Present: Sri Sukumar Ray
Chief Judge, City Sessions Court, Calcutta
J.O. CODE NO.WB00590.

Order no. 07 dated 05.06.2025

Today is for production of the accused person Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad and submission of I.O's report in final form.

Accused person, Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad is produced before this Court from J.C. in virtual mode.

Ld. Advocate for the Enforcement Directorate as well as the Ld. Advocate for the accused person are present.

Ld. Counsel for the ED files a petition praying for further judicial custody of the accused person and also prays for interrogation of the accused in judicial custody and to record the statement of this accused u/s 50 of the PMLA, 2002.

Heard both sides. Considered.

On careful perusal of the materials on record vis-a-vis the application u/s 187 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Surksha Sanhita, 2023 read with section 65 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 it appears to me that judicial custody of the accused is essential to determine the role of various persons involved in the alleged offence who helped the accused illegally procuring Indian documents in lieu of money. It further appears that judicial custody is required to find out the role of money exchanger and Hawala operators who helped the accused in executing illegal transactions and to confront the data of digital devices to the other associates of the accused person and to identify and ascertain further beneficiaries of the proceeds of crime involved in the present case.

In view of above, detention of the accused in judicial custody is essential for the sake of proper investigation. So, the prayer for further judicial custody of the accused person is allowed.

The I.O. is at liberty to interrogate and record the statement of the accused person Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad in the concerned Correctional Home in presence of Jail Superintendent but outside the scope and ambit of his hearing and after compliance of all the legal formalities with regard to interrogation inside the Correctional Home premises and the same is to be done after proper identification of the team of the Officers of Enforcement Directorate.

The Superintendent of Presidency Correctional Home is directed to render all cooperation after proper verification of the identity of the team of officers of the investigating agency.

Fix **19.06.2025** for production of the accused person Ajad Mallik @ Ahammed Hossain Azad and submission of I.O's report.

The accused person be remanded to J.C till date i.e. 19.06.2025.

Let a copy of this order be sent to the Superintendent of Presidency Correctional Home for strict compliance of this order.

Let a copy of this order be also sent to the Investigating Officer through Ld. Special P.P of Enforcement Directorate for information.

D/C by me

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