

M.L Case No 08 of 2025
CNR No. WBCS01-000381-2025
Present: Shri Anindya Banerjee
(Chief Judge in charge)
Addl. District & Sessions Judge,
Bench-II, City Sessions Court, Calcutta
JO Code No: – WB00868.

Order no. 03 dated 13.06.2025

Today is fixed for production of the accused persons, namely, Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj and Sonu Kumar Thakur, from the Enforcement Directorate's custody.

Both the accused persons are produced from the Enforcement Directorate's custody before this Court along with original medical slips.

They are taken into custody.

Fresh vakalatnama has been filed on behalf of the accused Vishal Bharadwaj. Let it be kept with the record.

Ld. Special Public Prosecutor (s) for the Enforcement Directorate is/are present.

Ld. Advocate, Shri Debtanu Dutta of LADCS, Kolkata has appeared before this Court and represented the accused person, namely, Sonu Kumar Thakur.

Ld. Special Public Prosecutor (s) representing the Enforcement Directorate has filed petition praying for judicial custody of the accused Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj for 14 days for the sake of appropriate investigation.

Heard. Perused. The prayer for judicial custody of the accused Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj for 14 days is considered and allowed for the purpose of investigation.

The accused Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj be remanded to JC till 26.06.2025.

Ld. Advocate for the accused Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj has filed a petition praying for bail of this accused.

Perused the same and let it be kept with the record.

Ld. Special Public Prosecutor (s) for the Enforcement Directorate has filed petition praying for custody of the accused Sonu Kumar Thakur under Enforcement Directorate for 04 days in the interest of investigation.

Now, the petition is taken up for hearing.

Ld. Special Public Prosecutor (s) for the Enforcement Directorate has submitted that custody of this accused person is very much necessary to unearth the facts associated with the offence of money laundering involving crucial information and to bring out the modus operandi and actual role of the conspirators in commission of offence of money laundering.

Ld. Advocate for the accused Sonu Kumar Thakur raises objection.

Heard. On perusal of the the materials on record, I am of the view that 04 days custody of the accused person namely **Sonu Kumar Thakur** under Enforcement Directorate is required to facilitate the works of investigation and to unearth the facts associated with the offence of money laundering involving crucial information, which is in exclusive knowledge of the accused person Sonu Kumar Thakur and to bring out the *modus operandi* and actual role of conspirators in commission of the offence of money laundering.

In view of above, the prayer for custody of Enforcement Directorate is **allowed**.

The I.O is permitted to take the accused person **Sonu Kumar Thakur** under the custody of Enforcement Directorate.

The I.O is directed to get accused medically examined before taking them to the custody under Enforcement Directorate. The I.O is also directed to get accused medically examined every 48 hours while the accused is in custody of the Enforcement Directorate and he should comply

with the guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and National Human Rights Commission in this regard.

Thus, the accused person **Sonu Kumar Thakur** be remanded to the custody of Enforcement Directorate till 16.06.2025.

Fix **16.06.2025** for production of the accused person **Sonu Kumar Thakur** from the custody of Enforcement Directorate and hearing of the petition praying for bail of the accused person Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj and objection, if any, in the meantime.

Fix **26.06.2025** for production of the accused person **Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj** from the judicial custody.

Return the case diary and call for the same on the date so fixed.

Let a copy of this order be handed over to the Investigating Officer of Enforcement Directorate through Ld. Special Public Prosecutor for strict compliance of this order.

Let a copy of this order be handed over to the Superintendent of Presidency Correctional Home for information.

Dictated & corrected by me

Sd/-

Chief Judge (I/C)
City Sessions Court, Calcutta.

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