

ML Case no. 08 of 2025
CNR-WBCS01-000381-2025
Present: Sri Sukumar Ray
J.O. CODE NO.WB00590
Chief Judge,
City Sessions Court, Calcutta

Order no. 17 dated 25.08.2025

1. Today is fixed for S/R, appearance & production of the accused persons and hearing on the point of cognizance.
2. Accused persons Vishal Bharadwaj @ Bishal, Sonu Kumar Thakur and Abhishek Bansal are produced before this Court.
3. One report is received from Superintendent, Presidency Correctional Home, wherefrom it reveals that the pre-cognizance notice were served upon the accused persons Vishal Bharadwaj @ Bishal, Sonu Kumar Thakur and Abhishek Bansal.
4. The proposed accused persons, namely, Mayank Sethi, Mantosh Mahato, Santosh Mahato, Gupi Ghosh, Souvik Poddar, Tapas Barman, and Subham Gupta, are present before this Court by filing hazira.
5. Fresh vakaltanamas have also been filed on their behalf. Let those be kept with the record.
6. Ld. Special Public Prosecutor for the Enforcement Directorate is present.
7. Ld. Advocates for the accused persons are present.
8. So, the matter is taken up for hearing.
9. Heard both sides on the point of pre-cognizance.
10. Perused the petition of complaint and RUDs.
11. I have gone through the entire materials on record including the complaint i.e. ECIR/KLZO-II/03/2024 dated 01.02.2024 for the commission of the offence defined in section 3 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 punishable under section 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.
12. This Court traverses through the entire materials on record and finds that there are sufficient ground to proceed with against the accused persons, namely, Vishal Bharadwaj @ Bishal, Sonu Kumar Thakur, Abhishek Bansal, Mayank Sethi, Souvik Poddar, Subham Gupta, Tapash Barman, Gupi Ghosh, Mantosh Mahato and Santosh Mahato.
13. Accordingly, the cognizance is **taken** for the commission of the offence defined in section 3 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 punishable under section 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 against the accused persons Vishal Bharadwaj @ Bishal, Sonu Kumar Thakur, Abhishek Bansal, Mayank Sethi, Souvik Poddar, Subham Gupta, Tapash Barman, Gupi Ghosh, Mantosh Mahato and Santosh Mahato.
14. Issue summons upon the accused persons, namely, Mayank Sethi, Souvik Poddar, Subham Gupta, Tapash Barman, Gupi Ghosh, Mantosh Mahato and Santosh Mahato.
15. Fix **06.09.2025** for S/R, appearance of the accused persons Mayank Sethi, Souvik Poddar, Subham Gupta, Tapash Barman, Gupi Ghosh, Mantosh Mahato and Santosh Mahato, production of the accused persons Vishal Bharadwaj @ Bishal, Sonu Kumar Thakur, Abhishek Bansal and supplies of copies.
16. The accused persons be remanded to J.C till next date.

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

18. Let a copy of this order be also sent to the Superintendent, Presidency Correctional Home for information.

Dictated & corrected by me,

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