

M.L. CASE NO. 08 OF 2025  
CNR NO.WBCS01-000381-2025

Present: Sri Sukumar Ray  
Chief Judge, City Sessions Court, Calcutta  
J.O. CODE NO.WB00590.

Order no. 04 dated 16.06.2025

Today is 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.

Accused person Sonu Kumar Thakur is produced before this Court from the custody of Enforcement Directorate.

Ld. Advocate for the Enforcement Directorate as well as the Ld. Advocate appointed from the LADCS, Kolkata for the accused person are present.

Ld. Counsel for the ED files a petition along with Tickets for emergency patients praying for remanding the accused person to judicial custody and also praying for allowing the I.O. of this case to interrogate 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 confront with the other evidence and material seized during the search under PMLA and also to unearth the proceeds of crime, establish money trail and to identify the ultimate beneficiaries of proceeds of crime as defined under section 2(1)(u) of PMLA 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 judicial custody of the accused person is allowed.

The I.O. is at liberty to interrogate and record the statement of the accused person **Sonu Kumar Thakur** 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.

Now, the bail application dated 13.06.2025 filed on behalf of the accused person namely Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj is taken up for hearing.

At this juncture, a petition has been filed on behalf of the Prosecution/ Enforcement Directorate praying for some time to file written objection on the ground stated therein.

A petition has also been filed on behalf of the accused person namely Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj praying for an adjournment with a further prayer to fix the next date for hearing of the bail application dated 13.06.2025 on 26.06.2025 on the ground stated therein.

Heard both sides.

Prayer for an adjournment is considered and allowed.

Another petition has been filed on behalf of the accused person namely Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj praying for a direction upon the Superintendent of Presidency Correctional Home to provide proper medical assistance to the accused/petitioner on the ground stated therein.

Heard.

In view of the above fact, the Superintendent of Presidency Correctional Home is directed to render proper and adequate medical treatment to the accused/petitioner namely Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj as per prescription of the registered medical practitioner and as per the Provisions of Jail Code and submit a report of compliance on the next date fixed positively.

To-date i.e. on **26.06.2025** for production of the accused person **Sonu Kumar Thakur** from the judicial custody and further order.

The accused person be remanded to J.C till date i.e. 26.06.2025.

To-date i.e. **26.06.2025** for production of the accused person namely Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj and hearing of the bail application dated 13.06.2025 filed on behalf of the accused person namely Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj.

Let a copy of this order along with a copy of the petition filed on behalf of the accused person namely Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj 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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