

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. 11 dated 28.07.2025

Today is for production of the accused persons namely Sonu Kumar Thakur, Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj and Abhishek Bansal @ Rahul @ RM @ Rahul Mishra from J.C.

Accused persons namely Sonu Kumar Thakur, Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj and Abhishek Bansal @ Rahul @ RM @ Rahul Mishra are produced before this Court from the judicial custody in virtual mode.

Ld. Advocate for the Enforcement Directorate is present.

Ld. Advocate appointed from the LADCS, Kolkata for the accused person namely Sonu Kumar Thakur is present.

One Vakalatnama has been filed on behalf of the accused person namely Sonu Kumar Thakur.

As the accused person namely Sonu Kumar Thakur has engaged his Ld. Counsel to defend the case, the Ld. Counsel appointed from the LADCS, Kolkata is hereby released from conducting this case on behalf of the accused person.

Ld. Counsels for the accused persons namely Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj and Abhishek Bansal @ Rahul @ RM @ Rahul Mishra are also present.

Assistant Director, Enforcement Directorate files three separate petitions through the Ld. Counsel for the ED praying for further remanding the accused persons namely Sonu Kumar Thakur, Vishal Bharadwaj @ Badal Bharadwaj and Abhishek Bansal @ Rahul @ RM @ Rahul Mishra to judicial custody for a period of fourteen days in the interest of thorough and proper investigation of this case.

One bail application has been filed on behalf of the accused person namely Sonu Kumar Thakur.

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Ld. Advocate for the Enforcement Directorate submits that Prosecution is inclined to file written objection against the bail application filed today on behalf of the accused person namely Sonu Kumar Thakur.

Now, the petitions of the I.O. for further judicial custody of the accused persons are taken up for hearing.

Heard both sides. Considered.

On careful perusal of the materials on record vis-a-vis the application u/s 187 (3) 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 persons is essential to further determine the role of various other persons who helped in illegal betting and gambling activities and also to unearth the facts associated with the offence of money laundering involving crucial information and to identify the ultimate beneficiaries of crime involved in the offence of money laundering in the present case.

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

The accused persons be remanded to J.C till 11.08.2025.

Fixing **04.08.2025** at 02:00 p.m. for hearing of the bail application dated 28.07.2025 filed on behalf of the accused person namely Sonu Kumar Thakur.

Written objection, if any, in the meantime.

Fixing **11.08.2025** for production of all the three accused persons and further order.

Let a copy of this order be sent to the LADCS, Kolkata for information.

Let a copy of this order be also sent to the Investigating Officer through Ld. Special P.P of Enforcement Directorate with a direction to take necessary steps to ensure production of the C.D. on the next date fixed.

D/C by me

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