

M. L. CASE NO. 06 OF 2024
CNR NO.WBCS01-000615-2024
Present: Sri Sukumar Ray
Chief Judge, City Sessions Court, Calcutta
J.O. CODE NO.WB00590

Order No. 19 dated 05.05.2025

Today is fixed for production of the accused person namely Lakshman Hembram and hearing bail application dated 28.04.2024 filed on behalf of accused Lakshman Hembram.

Today is also fixed for further hearing of the petition dated 15.02.2025 u/s 227 of the Cr.P.C filed on behalf of this accused person together with written objection dated 21.02.2025 filed by the prosecution/E.D and consideration of charge.

The accused person namely **Lakshman Hembram** is produced before this Court through virtual mode.

Ld. Counsel for the accused person is present.

Ld. Counsel for the Enforcement Directorate is also present.

The accused person is identified by the concerned Jail Authorities and he expressed before this Court that he could see and hear the entire Court proceedings without any technical glitch.

Now the bail application dated 28.04.2024 filed on behalf of accused Lakshman Hembram is taken up for hearing.

The bail petition is moved.

Heard both sides.

Ld. Advocate for the accused/petitioner prays for bail on the ground that this accused is in custody for a considerable length of time. He further submits that the wife of the accused is suffering from fourth stage of cancer.

Ld. Advocate for the Enforcement Directorate opposes the bail prayer.

I have carefully perused the materials appearing in the case record.

It also appears from the record that total monetary loss to the department of Post was approx. Rs. 4,49,73,857/-. It further appears that this case relates to defalcation of public money from Saving Accounts/Term Deposit accounts standing at Ramchandrapur Sub-Post Office in the shape of mature/premature closure of those accounts and fraudulent withdrawals from a number of savings Bank accounts committed by accused during his tenure as Sub-Post Master. The offence of Money Laundering has been regarded as an aggravated form of crime and offender involved in the activity connecting with the proceeds of crime is treated as separate class from ordinary criminals.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the role played by the accused in the alleged offence complained of, I am not inclined to allow the prayer for bail of this accused/petitioner namely Lakshman Hembram.

Accordingly, the prayer for bail of this accused/petitioner namely **Lakshman Hembram** stands **rejected**.

Fixing **02.06.2025** for production of the accused person **Lakshman Hembram**, further hearing of the petition dated 15.02.2025 u/s 227 of the Cr.P.C filed on behalf of this accused person together with written objection dated 21.02.2025 filed by the prosecution/E.D and consideration of charge

Accused person be remanded to J.C till date i.e. on 02.06.2025.

Let a copy of this order be sent to the Ld. Advocate for the Enforcement Directorate for his information.

D/C by me

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Chief Judge

City Sessions Court, Calcutta

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