

S.T No 04 (07) of 2025
ML CASE NO. 06 OF 2024
CNR-WBCS01-000615-2024
Present: Sri Sukumar Ray
J.O. CODE NO.WB00590
Chief Judge, City Sessions Court, Calcutta

Order No 01 dated 22.07.2025

Today is fixed for production of the accused person and framing of charge.

The sole accused person namely **Lakshman Hembram** is produced from J.C.

Ld. Special Public Prosecutor for the Enforcement Directorate is present.

It appears that the accused is unrepresented today. No Ld. Advocate is appearing on his behalf.

On being asked, the accused verbally submits before this Court that due to his abject and abysmal poverty, he is not in a position to engage any lawyer from his own cost and he prayed for engaging any Ld. Lawyer at the cost of the Government exchequer.

In view of the above, Chief of Legal Aid Defence Counsel, Kolkata is requested to provide a counsel on behalf of the accused.

Let a copy of this order be sent to the Chief of Legal Aid Defence Counsel.

Ld. Advocate from the LADC, Kolkata is present on behalf of the accused.

Heard the Ld. Special Public Prosecutor for the Enforcement Directorate and the Ld. Advocate from the LADC, Calcutta.

Ld. Special Public Prosecutor for the Enforcement Directorate submits that a strong prima facie case under section 3 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 punishable under section 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act has been made out against the accused. According to the Ld. Special Public Prosecutor for the Enforcement Directorate, the materials collected during investigation of the case indicate that the accused committed the offence punishable under section 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

Heard the Ld. Advocate from the LADC, Calcutta.

Ld. Special Public Prosecutor for the Enforcement Directorate opens the case and describe the charge. He also describes the evidences by which he proposes to prove the guilt of the accused person.

I have perused the complaint/ECIR and all the materials available in the case diary.

Having considered the submissions made by the Ld. Special Public Prosecutor for the Enforcement Directorate and Ld. Defence Advocate and having gone through the documents and papers as indicate above, I am of the opinion that there is ground for presuming that the accused has committed the alleged offence which is exclusively triable by this Court.

Hence, charge under section 3 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 punishable under section 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act is framed against the accused person namely **Lakshman Hembram**.

The charge so framed is read over and explained to the accused who pleads not guilty by saying “ Ami Nirdoshi” and claims to be tried.

Let the accused be tried for the said charge.

Fixing **11.08.2025** for evidence of CS witness no. 1 and production of the accused person.

Prosecution is directed to take steps for production of witness on the date fixed positively.

The charge so framed in a separate sheet be kept with the record.

Accused be remanded to J.C till date 11.08.2025.

C.D be returned.

D/C by me.

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Chief Judge
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