

**M.L. CASE NO 06 OF 2024**  
CNR-WBCS01-000615-2024  
Present: Shri Soumendra Nath Das  
JO Code No: – WB01132.  
Chief Judge, City Sessions Court, Calcutta.

Order no 09 dated 19.12.2024

Today is fixed for production of the accused person namely **Lakshman Hembram** before this Court from J.C, further hearing of the bail application dated 29.11.2024 filed on behalf of the accused person namely **Lakshman Hembram** and consideration of charge.

Ld. Special P.P of Enforcement Directorate and the Ld. Advocate for the accused/petitioner are present.

Now the bail application dated 29.11.2024 filed on behalf of the accused person namely **Lakshman Hembram** is taken up for hearing.

Ld. Advocate of the accused/petitioner submits that this accused/petitioner is a social worker and also a public servant in the department of Post, Government of India and has been falsely implicated in this case and after taking cognizance of the offence under PMLA 2002 against this accused/petitioner by this Court on 29.07.2024, this accused/petitioner had appeared before this Court as per the summons issued by this Court u/s 204 of the Cr.P.C and this accused/petitioner had already co-operated with the investigation and investigation has already been completed with submission of ECIR and this accused/petitioner is detained in custody since 29.07.2024 and he prays for bail of this accused/petitioner on any terms and conditions.

In reply, Ld. Special P.P of Enforcement Directorate submits that investigation is already over and ECIR has been filed in this case and the custodial interrogation of this accused/petitioner is not necessary and he leaves the matter upon the discretion of this Court.

Heard both sides.

I have perused the complaint including the execution of the alleged sale deeds being Deed No. I-4506/2018 dated 25.07.2018, Deed No. I-0371/2018 dated 17.01.2018, Deed No. I-6195/2017 dated 13.11.2017, Deed No. I-6198/2017 dated 13.11.2017 and Deed No. I-5682/2017 dated 16.10.2017 and the said five sale deeds prima facie indicates the modus operandi of the forgery and the manner in which the siphoning and misappropriation of huge funds from various accounts of the depositors by forging their signatures were done by the accused/petitioner as a Sub-Post Master of the Ramchandrapur Post Office for purchasing properties in the name of the accused/petitioner and his family members out of the siphoned of funds and in the process it appears that there has been a defalcation to the tune of Rs. 4,49,73,857/- and the said money is yet to be recovered and the properties are yet to be attached and confiscated and he is the prime accused in this case.

Considering the nature and gravity of the economic offence and also considering the complaint of the E.D, this Court finds that there are reasonable grounds for believing that this accused/petitioner is very much involved in the alleged offence of forgery, misappropriation and siphoning off crores of rupees as a Government employee and there is every possibility for this petitioner to commit similar offences if he is granted bail and therefore, I am of the view that this is not a fit case to grant bail to this accused/petitioner.

Moreover, I am of the opinion that economic offences constitute a class apart and needs to be visited with a different approach in the matter of bail. The economic offences having deep rooted conspiracies and involving huge loss of public funds needs to be viewed seriously and considered as grave offences affecting the economy of the country as a whole and thereby posing serious threat to the financial health of the country.

Here there is serious allegation of defalcation of public money from savings accounts (SB)/term deposit accounts (TD) standing at Ramchandrapur Sub-Post Office in account with Tamluk Head Post Office in the shape of premature closure of those SB/TD accounts and fraudulent withdrawals from the number of savings bank accounts committed by accused Lakshman Hembram during his incumbency as Sub-Post Master, Ramchandrapur Sub-Post Office for the period on and from 09.02.2014 to 20.09.2018.

Accordingly, the bail prayer of this accused/petitioner **Lakshman Hembram** is **rejected**.

On submission of both sides, fix **31.01.2025** for production of the accused person and considering of charge.

The accused person **Lakshman Hembram** be remanded to J.C till 31.01.2025.

D & C by me  
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Chief Judge  
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