

M.L case no. 8 of 2024
CNR - WBCS01-000995-2024
Present: Sri Sukumar Ray
Chief Judge, City Sessions Court, Calcutta
J.O. CODE NO.WB00590.

Order no. 07 dated 14.05.2025

Today is fixed for production of the accused person nos. 1) Tridip Pal @ Apu Da, 2) Md. Arman, 3) Shri Sanjib Dolui and 4) Shri Rakesh Mahato, appearance of the accused/petitioner no. 5) M/s. BT Merchants Pvt. Ltd and further order.

Accused person nos. 1) Tridip Pal @ Apu Da, 2) Md. Arman, 3) Shri Sanjib Dolui and 4) Shri Rakesh Mahato are produced before this Court in physical mode.

Mr. Arka Ghosh, Ld. Advocate representing the accused/company no. 5) M/s. BT Merchants Pvt. Ltd under section 305 of the Cr.P.C is present by filing hazira.

Ld. Special Public Prosecutor representing the Enforcement Directorate as well as Ld. Advocate for the rests of the accused persons are present.

Bail petition is filed on behalf of the accused person nos 2) Md. Arman, 3) Shri Sanjib Dolui and 4) Shri Rakesh Mahato.

By filing this petition, the accused person nos 2) Md. Arman, 3) Shri Sanjib Dolui and 4) Shri Rakesh Mahato prays for bail on the ground that the allegations leveled against them are totally false, fabricated and concocted and this case has been initiated only to harass them. It is further contended that the accused persons are residing in the respective houses at Calcutta and there is no chance of absconion, if they are released on bail.

Ld. Public Prosecutor for Enforcement Directorate leaves the matter upon the discretion of this Court.

It appears from the record that after completion of investigation, investigating agency submitted charge sheet against the four accused persons for the offence under section 3 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and punishable under section 4 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

On careful perusal of the record, I get to gather that the accused persons are prima facie involved in the alleged offence of smuggling of huge quantity of gold from Dhaka, Bangladesh to Calcutta in connivance with other accused persons. Huge amounts are involved in this case.

It further appears from the materials on record that alleged gold have been recovered from the possessions of the accused persons.

The Money Laundering is an aggravated form of crime that has serious transnational consequences and should not be treated like ordinary offences.

In view of the observation made above, I am not inclined to allow the prayer for bail of the accused persons.

Hence, the prayer for bail of the accused/petitioners 2) Md. Arman, 3) Shri Sanjib Dolui and 4) Shri Rakesh Mahato stands **rejected**.

Fixing **23.05.2025** for production of the accused person nos. 1) Tridip Pal @ Apu Da, 2) Md. Arman, 3) Shri Sanjib Dolui and 4) Shri Rakesh Mahato, appearance of the accused/petitioner no. 5) M/s. BT Merchants Pvt. Ltd.

Accused/petitioners 2) Md. Arman, 3) Shri Sanjib Dolui and 4) Shri Rakesh Mahato be remanded to J.C till date.

Dictated & corrected by me

Sd/-

Chief Judge
City Sessions Court, Calcutta.

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