

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. 09 dated 02.06.2025

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 hearing of the bail application dated 23.05.2025 filed on behalf of the accused persons namely 2) Md. Arman, 3) Sanjib Dolui and 4) Rakesh Mahato.

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 of the accused person nos 2) Md. Arman, 3) Shri Sanjib Dolui and 4) Shri Rakesh Mahato is moved.

Ld. Advocate for the accused/petitioners submits that allegations levelled against the accused/petitioners are totally false, fabricated and concocted. He further submits that accused/petitioners namely Md. Arman and Sanjib Dolui are drivers by profession. He further submits that the mother of accused Sanjib Dolui is suffering from various ailments. So, he prays for bail.

Ld. Public Prosecutor for Enforcement Directorate opposes the bail prayer.

On careful perusal of the materials on record, I get to gather that after completion of investigation, the Investigating Agency has submitted charge sheet against the 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.

Considering the nature and gravity of the offence alleged and also considering the materials in the complaint of the Enforcement Directorate, the accused/petitioners are prima facie involved in the alleged offence of smuggling of huge quantity of gold from Dhaka, Bangladesh to Calcutta in hand in glove with other accused persons. The huge quantity of golds have been recovered from the possession of the accused/petitioners.

Considering the statutory mandate laid down in section 45 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, I am of the view that the accused/petitioners are not entitled to get the privilege of bail at this stage.

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

Fixing **16.06.2025** 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 1) Tridip Pal @ Apu Da, 2) Md. Arman, 3) Shri Sanjib Dolui and 4) Shri Rakesh Mahato be remanded to J.C till date.

Let a copy of this order be sent to the I.O through Ld. Special P.P.

Dictated & corrected by me

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