

CBI VERSUS ASHOK GOYAL & ORS

Present: Shri Narender Singh, Public Prosecutor for the CBI.
Shri A.S. Chahal, Advocate, counsel for the accused Ashok Goyal.

An application for exemption from personal appearance of accused filed. Heard. In view of the contents mentioned in the application, the presence of the accused is hereby exempted only for today.

Heard on application bearing IA No.05/2023 filed by the CBI seeking permission to deposit the money seized during house search of accused Ashok Goyal with the current account of the CBI maintained in the State Bank of India, Sector 30-C, Chandigarh. It was submitted in the application that the seized currency notes did not require any identity during trial of the case.

By way of reply, the accused submitted that the ₹ 5 lacs were not seized during house search of the accused and that a FDR be purchased in the name of the Court of the same.

I have heard the learned Public Prosecutor for the CBI and learned counsel for accused.

The accused in his reply does not say anything about the money said to be seized from his house and neither claims the same. As per the application filed by CBI during trial, the identity of the seized money is not to be seen as the matter relates to demanding and accepting the bribe amount. As a result, at this stage with no claim of the accused over the said amount, the accused would not be prejudiced in case the said amount is ordered to be deposited in the account of the CBI maintained with SBI, Sector 30-C

Branch, Chandigarh. Before deposit of the amount, the CBI may prepare an inventory mentioning the distinctive numbers and denomination of the seized amount to dispel any controversy that may arise during the trial. With the above observations, application as filed stands allowed.

An application for obtaining/handing over original record, moved by applicant ASI Sharma SIngh. Copy supplied to the prosecution.

Case adjourned to **29.11.2023** for filing reply to the said application, by CBI.

Date of Order: 09.11.2023.

(Meenu /Stenographer-II)

(Jagjit Singh)
Special Judge, CBI Court,
Chandigarh/UID No.HR0090.