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CBI VS M/S LORD MAHAVIRA SERVICES PVT. LTD. & ORS.

01.04.2026

Present: Sh. Anoop Kumar, Ld. PP for CBI.
Both the applicants Arihant Jain and Amardeep Sharma (through VC).
Ms. Rekha Aggarwal, Ld. Counsel for both the applicants.
IO/ Inspector Reena Chauhan in person.

1. Reply has been filed by the IO, to the application moved on behalf of the applicants, namely, Arihant Jain and Amardeep Sharma, for cancellation of Non-Bailable Warrants (NBWs) issued against them, by this Court, vide Order dated 14.03.2026. The same is taken on record. Copy supplied to Ld. Counsel for both the applicants.

2. The applicants have sought for cancellation of Non-Bailable Warrants (NBWs) issued against them, vide Order dated 14.03.2026, on the following grounds:

a) The charge-sheet in the present case has already been filed on 09.02.2026, and the investigation *qua* both the applicants is already complete.

b) The other accused arrested in the present case have already been granted bail.

c) The applicants have joined investigation in the present case on 31.12.2025 and 02.01.2026 and were interrogated for a substantial period of time. Furthermore, the applicants also joined the investigation on 18.03.2026 and 19.03.2026 at the CBI Office, New

Delhi and the applicants have always cooperated with the investigating agency.

d) CBI had not issued any summons or notice to the applicants to join investigation in the present case, before filing the application for issuance of NBWs against the applicants and the same is contrary to law.

3. *Per contra,* the present application is opposed by Ld. PP for CBI on the ground that a clear involvement of both the applicants has emerged in the present case and they have tried all possible means to evade the investigation in the present case. It is further submitted that once the search was conducted at the official and residential premises connected with M/s Lord Mahavira Services Pvt. Ltd. (LMSIPL), both the applicants attempted to evade the investigation and were not reachable on their mobile phones. It is further submitted that all possible efforts were made to trace the applicants at their houses and offices and to ascertain the locations of the applicants through their family members, but the same was of no avail.

4. It is further submitted that the applications seeking anticipatory bail, moved on behalf of both the applicants, have been rejected by the Hon'ble Special Judge (PC Act) CBI -14, RADC, New Delhi vide order dated 08.01.2026 and subsequently by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide order dated 21.01.2026. Further, vide Order dated 23.03.2026, the Hon'ble Supreme Court dismissed their SLP, seeking anticipatory bail.

5. Heard. Perused. Considered.

6. The factual matrix in brief, relevant for disposal of the present application is that the RC in the present case, was registered u/S 61(2) r/w Section 318(4)/319 BNS, and Section 43 r/w Section 66/66B/66C/66D of IT Act, 2000. It is alleged that certain private entities including M/s Lord Mahavira Services India Pvt. Ltd. (*hereinafter*, "**LMSIPL**") had obtained bulk mobile connections from Telecom Service Providers (TSPs), particularly Vodafone Idea Ltd., in violation of DoT (Department of Telecommunication) guidelines, and the SIM cards were being misused for cyber-crime related fraudulent activities. During 2024-2025 alone, the company allegedly procured 7,721 SIM connections from Vodafone Idea Ltd., which were used for making fraudulent calls impersonating officials of TRAI, law enforcement agencies and other service providers to deceive citizens. The source information also indicated that several mobile numbers issued to LMSIPL, were suspected to be used in SIMBox-like devices.

7. During the course of investigation, it was revealed that M/s Lord Mahavira Services India Pvt. Ltd., through its Directors Arihant Jain and Amardeep Sharma, fraudulently obtained an extraordinary volume of telecom resources i.e. 20,986 SIM connections from Vodafone Idea Ltd. between 2020 and 2025 by deceitful means and by submitting false end-user details, using identity

documents of persons, projected as company employees or multiple SIM holders.

8. After the conclusion of investigation, a charge-sheet alleging the commission of offences u/S 61(2) r/w Section 318(4) BNS, against M/s LMSIPL (A-1) and the Directors, namely, Arihant Jain (A-2) and Amardeep Sharma (A-3) and certain other accused was filed before this Court on 09.02.2026. Both the accused namely, Arihant Jain (A-2) and Amardeep Sharma (A-3) were shown as absconders in the charge-sheet filed before the Court. Vide Order dated 14.03.2026, this Court had issued Non-Bailable Warrants (NBWs), against both the applicants and vide Order dated 25.03.2026, the Court had stayed the execution of NBWs issued against the applicants, till the disposal of this application. This Court shall now consider the contentions raised on behalf of the applicants for cancellation/ Recall of NBWs.

9. The arguments raised on behalf of applicants that the investigation *qua* them is complete and the charge-sheet has already been filed stands negated on the ground, that further investigation is still pending and the role of the applicants, namely, Arihant Jain and Amardeep Sharma in the present offence, is yet to be completely unearthed.

10. It is apparent from a perusal of the record that both the accused Arihant Jain (A-2) and Amardeep Sharma (A-3) are accused of

serious cyber-frauds and being Directors of M/s LMSIPL (A-1), they were involved in procurement of thousands of SIM cards by M/s LMSIPL, while by-passing the applicable rules, with the intention of using them in GSM SIM-boxes for commission of cyber-fraud.

11. Moreover, the contention raised by the applicants that they have joined the investigation and have always cooperated with the investigating agency, is devoid of merit. The accused persons were granted interim protection from arrest by the Ld. Special Judge till 07.01.2026 and it is submitted on behalf of CBI that even during the period of limited interim protection from arrest, the applicants remained non-cooperative and failed to disclose the true identity of the cyber criminals on whose behalf, they were broadcasting messages containing phishing links.

12. During further investigation, it also came to light that another entity named, Attharva Services is also found to be involved in the fraudulent procurement of SIM Cards and its business activities are being managed and run by applicant Arihant Jain. Moreover, during further investigation, it has come to light that various minors were shown as end users and employees of LMSIPL/Attharv Services in the purchase orders for SIM cards, by using their Aadhaar details. Subsequently, the SKYC of those children was completed fraudulently and some of these children were in the age group of 10-15 years only.

13. Therefore, the ground taken by the applicants that the investigation *qua* them is already complete, is devoid of merit. Additionally, the contention that the other accused persons, who have also been charge-sheeted have already been released on bail is also meritless, because all the other accused, namely, Binu Vidyadharan, Somveer Malik, Manish Upreti and Himalaya, were apprehended by the investigating agency and were subjected to custodial interrogation to aid investigation in the present case; unlike the present applicants, who remained untraceable.

14. It is to be underscored that the applications for anticipatory bail of both the applicants have been dismissed by the Ld. Special Judge as well as the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. Moreover, the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide Order dated 23.03.2026 dismissed the Special Leave Petition, moved on behalf of the applicants seeking anticipatory bail. This Court had issued Non-Bailable Warrants agaisnt both the applicants, vide Order dated 14.03.2026, after a careful consideration all the facts and circumstances and balancing the personal liberty of the accused/ applicants with the interests of justice.

15. It is evident from the record that the applicants have resorted to all possible means to evade the process of law in the present case and have not cooperated with the investigating agency. It is contended by CBI that even on 24.03.2026, when attempts were made by the IO to execute the NBWs, the applicants absconded to evade the

process of law and were not found either at their residential or official addresses.

16. Thus, no ground, whatsoever, is made out to cancel the Order dated 14.03.2026, for issuance of Non-Bailable Warrants, against the applicants. The coercive process of law, once set in motion to secure the presence of an accused who evades it, cannot be cancelled at the mere asking. *The resort to issuance of NBWs is made sparingly, only after a detailed consideration and cannot be recalled in the absence of any compelling or bonafide grounds. No such sufficient or cogent ground is made out for cancellation of the NBWs issued vide Order dated 14.03.2026.* **Accordingly, the application moved on behalf of the applicants, namely, Arihant Jain and Amardeep Sharma, for cancellation of NBWs dated 14.03.2026, stands dismissed**.

17. **The application stands disposed of, accordingly, as dismissed.**

18. Copy of this Order be given *dasti*, as prayed for.

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