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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(CRL) 1845/2025

LALU PRASAD YADAV

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Kapil Sibal & Mr. Maninder Singh, Sr. Advs. with Mr. Varun Jain, Ms. Aprajita, Mr. Navid Kumar, Ms. Aekta Vats, Ms. Vanika Gupta, Mr. Sumit Singh, Mr. Satish Kumar, Mr. Tanuj, Ms. Sanjna, Advs.

versus

CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION .....Respondent

Through: Mr. D.P. Singh, Sr. Adv. with Mr. Manu Mishra, Mr. Imaan Khera, Ms. Garima Saxena, Mr. Digvijay Singh, Advs.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVINDER DUDEJA**

**ORDER**

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**24.07.2025**

**CRL.M.A. 21310/2025 (exemption)**

Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

This application stands disposed of.

**CRL.M.A. 21309/2025 (early hearing)**

1. This is an application filed on behalf of petitioner seeking early hearing in the captioned petition.
2. By order dated 29.05.2025, notice of the petition was issued to the respondent. However, CRL.M.A. 17322/2025, for the stay of proceedings pending before the learned Special Judge was dismissed.
3. The order dated 29.05.2025 was challenged in Special Leave Petition, filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. However, the Hon'ble Supreme



Court declined to interfere with the same, but directed this Court to expedite hearing in the pending writ petition.

4. Mr. Sibal, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the trial Court has been pleased to direct that the arguments on charge be heard and concluded on behalf of petitioner and seven other accused from 26.07.2025 to 02.08.2025. He further submits that while on the one hand the Supreme Court has requested this Court to decide the present petition expeditiously, on the other hand, the trial Court has been hearing the matter on the day to day basis since April, 2025 and has directed that the matter will stay on Board for arguments on charge on daily basis until the same are concluded.

5. Learned Special Counsel appearing for the respondent has vehemently opposed the application submitting that as this Court has already dismissed the stay application and the said order has not been interfered by the Supreme Court, there is no embargo to the trial Court hearing the arguments on charge.

6. Considering the fact that the stay application has already been dismissed by this Court by order dated 29.05.2025 and the said order has not been interfered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, as also bearing in mind the status of the Board of this Court and the fact that date already fixed i.e. 12.08.2025 is not very long, application for preponment of hearing is dismissed.

**RAVINDER DUDEJA, J**

**JULY 24, 2025/vd**