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

+ **CRL.M.C. 7779/2025**

DHANLAXMI BANK LTD

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Amit Chadha, Senior Advocate
with Mr. Gaurav Gupta, Mr. Harjas
Singh, Advocates with Mr. S. Haque
Khan, Manager Legal.

versus

NARENDER & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through:

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

% **06.11.2025**

CRL.M.A. 32576/2025 (Exemption)

1. Exemption is granted, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The Petitioner shall file legible and clearer copies of exempted documents, compliant with practice rules, before the next date of hearing.
3. Accordingly, the application stands disposed of.

CRL.M.C. 7779/2025 & CRL.M.A. 32577/2025 (for stay)

4. The present petition under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023¹ (erstwhile Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973²) assails order dated 01st September, 2025 passed by ASJ-04, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi in Criminal Revision No. 412/2024

¹ "BNSS"

² "Cr.P.C."



titled **“Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd. Vs. Narender & Anr”**. By the impugned order, the summoning order dated 16th January, 2023 has been upheld.

5. Mr. Amit Chadha, Senior Counsel for the Petitioner, submits that the Petitioner is a duly incorporated Scheduled Commercial Bank governed by the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. He clarifies that he represents only the Bank and not the erstwhile General Manager, Mr. Murlidharan, who has also been summoned in the complaint. He submits that none of the allegations made in the complaint disclose the commission of any offence by the Petitioner Bank. The allegations pertain solely to the banking activity of the Petitioner Bank. The Respondent had voluntarily opted to avail the same and therefore, the Petitioner Bank, being a corporate entity, cannot be held guilty of any offence, much less the offences punishable under Sections 409 and 120B read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, for which it has been summoned.

6. In light of the above, till the next of hearing, the proceedings against the Petitioner Bank shall remain stayed.

7. Re-notify on 26th February, 2026.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

NOVEMBER 6, 2025/ab