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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 5131/2018**
GAGAN DHAWAN

..... Petitioner

Through Mr. Naveen Malhotra, Advocate.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. Respondents
Through: Mr. Vinod Diwakar, CGSC for UOI
with Mr. Sanjay Pal, Advocate.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV SHAKDHER

ORDER
% **14.05.2018**

CM APPL.19877/2018 (exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

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2. Learned counsel for the petitioner says that apart from anything else (as held by the Division Bench of this court in the judgment dated 11.1.2018, passed in a batch of writ petitions, the lead matter being W.P.(C)5320/2017 titled: *J. Sekar v. UOI & Ors.*), since reasons to believe before taking the impugned action were not furnished to the petitioner, the proceedings are *non est* in law.

3. Issue notice. Mr. Diwakar accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Counter affidavit, if any, be filed within three weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.

4. Renotify the matter on 21.8.2018.



5. Till the next date of hearing, there shall be a stay on the operation of the provisional attachment order dated 21.12.2017. Furthermore, proceedings pending in O.C. No.874/2018 shall also remain stayed.

5.1 It is made clear that the period post the interim order passed today will not be taken into consideration for the purpose of computation of the statutory period of 180 days as contemplated under Section 5 (1) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) till disposal of the writ petition or vacation of the interim order, whichever is earlier.

6. *Dasti.*

RAJIV SHAKDHER, J

MAY 14, 2018
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