

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

Cr. Revision No. 982 of 2026

Hemant Soren

... .. Petitioner

Versus

The State through Enforcement Directorate, RanchiOpp. Party

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD

For the Petitioner

: Ms. Minakshi Arora, Sr. Advocate
[Through Virtual Mode]
Mr. Shubham Gautam, Advocate
Mr. Baibhaw Gahlaut, Advocate
Mr. Shashank Shekhar No.2, Advocate

For the Opp. Party

: Mr. Amit Kumar Das, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Saurav Kumar, Advocate

02/Dated: 09th September, 2026

1. Heard Mr. Shashank Shekhar No.2, Mr. Baibhaw Gahlaut and Mr. Shubham Gautam, learned counsel who are on record as also assisting counsel to Ms. Minakshi Arora, learned senior counsel representing the petitioner who has argued through virtual mode.
2. While arguing the matter on merit, Mr. Amit Kr. Das, learned senior counsel has submitted that the affidavit, in response, is required to be filed, therefore, he has sought for four weeks' time.
3. Ms. Minakshi Arora, learned senior counsel representing the petitioner has submitted that in the present case, one interlocutory application being I.A. No. 12139 of 2026 has been filed for staying the further proceeding in ECIR Case No.6 of 2023 arising out of F. No.ECIR/RNZO/25/2023/354 on the ground of the sanction having not been accorded as required to be granted under the provision of Section 197(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.
4. The reliance has also been placed upon a judgment rendered in the case of *Directorate of Enforcement vs. Bibhu Prasad Acharya & Ors., (2025) 1 SCC 404*.
5. Learned senior counsel for the opp. party-ED has submitted that in this interlocutory application, he also needs to file response.

6. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the 19th of this month is the date fixed for framing of charge, as such, there is urgency in the matter for passing appropriate order.
7. Learned senior counsel for the opp. party-ED has submitted that he may be allowed shortest possible time, taking into consideration the urgency which has been shown on behalf of the petitioner by the learned senior counsel, to file response to the interlocutory application being I.A. No.12139 of 2026 preferably within a week.
8. Learned senior counsel for the opp. party-ED, therefore, has prayed to list this case on the 16th of this month, which is prior to the date fixed for framing of charge as per the submission made on behalf of the petitioner.
9. This Court, considering the aforesaid submission made on behalf of the parties, is adjourning the matter by granting time to file response to the interlocutory application being I.A. No. 12139 of 2026.
10. Let this case be listed on 16.09.2026, i.e., the next assigned day as per the roster, for consideration of the issue as has been agitated in the aforesaid interlocutory application.
11. The affidavit-in-response, so far as the issue on merit is concerned, shall be filed within a period of four weeks.

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

09th September, 2026

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