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Writ Petition(s) (Criminal) No(s). 44/2026

ANIEL KUMAR SAHA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 28697/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No. 28694/2026 - INTERIM BAIL)

Date : 03-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Rajat Bhardwaj, AOR
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For Respondent(s) : Mr. Suryaprakash V. Raju, ASG
Mr. Zoheb Hussain, Adv.
Mr. Annam Venkatesh, Adv.
Mr. Samrat Goswami, Adv.
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Mr. Arvind Kumar Sharma, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. The instant writ petition under Article 32 of the Constitution has been filed seeking a very expansive declaration that continued custody of the petitioner is illegal; however, in sum and substance, the prayer made is that the Criminal Misc. First Bail Application No.31335/2024 filed by the petitioner seeking regular bail has been pending consideration before the Allahabad High Court for the last more than 18 months. The petitioner, meanwhile, was

granted bail in the predicate offence on 08.10.2025. It is in these circumstances that certain other reliefs have also been sought by the petitioner.

2. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as Mr. Suryaprakash V. Raju, learned ASG on behalf of the Directorate of Enforcement.

3. In view of the fact that the petitioner's bail application has been pending before the High Court for more than 18 months, we request the High Court to take up and decide the same at the earliest and preferably within two weeks. The petitioner, if so advised, may move an application for out of turn hearing before the High Court along with a copy of this order. All other prayers may be made by the petitioner before the High Court. In this regard, it is clarified that we have not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case.

4. The Writ Petition stands disposed of along with pending application(s), if any.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR