



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(S).2669 OF 2025
(ARISING OUT OF S.L.P. (CRIMINAL) NO(S). 3592/2025)

ANWAR DHEBAR

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the parties.

In connection with the earlier ECIR concerning the same subject-matter, the appellant has been in custody for 80 days. As far as the present ECIR and complaints are concerned, the appellant was arrested on 8th August, 2024. So far 03 supplementary complaints have been filed in addition to the original complaint. 40 witnesses have been cited. The investigation is in progress. In the predicate offence, there are 450 witnesses and the investigation is in progress. Cognizance has not been taken.

Therefore, there is no possibility of the trial commencing in near future. The maximum sentence is of 07 years. Following the law laid down by this Court in the case of *V. Senthil Balaji vs. The Deputy Director, Directorate of Enforcement*¹, the appellant is entitled to be enlarged on bail pending the trial on appropriate stringent terms and

¹ 2024 INSC 739

conditions especially when, except for the predicate offence, there are no antecedents of the appellant brought on record.

Hence, we direct that the appellant shall be produced before the Special Court within a maximum period of one week from today. The Special Court shall enlarge the appellant on bail on appropriate stringent terms and conditions after hearing the learned counsel for the Enforcement of Directorate. Apart from the conditions which may be imposed by the Special Court, there shall be a condition for surrender of passport, if any, and the condition of regularly and punctually attending the Special Court and cooperating with the Special Court for early conclusion of the trial.

The Appeal is, accordingly, allowed.

.....J.
(ABHAY S. OKA)

.....J.
(UJJAL BHUYAN)

NEW DELHI;
MAY 19, 2025.

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).
3592/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 28-02-2025 in MCRC No. 8965/2024 passed by the High Court of Chhattisgarh at Bilaspur]

ANWAR DHEBAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 115764/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 115762/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES, IA No. 71257/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES AND IA No. 60297/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 19-05-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Leave granted.

The Appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order. The operative portion of the order reads thus:

"Hence, we direct that the appellant shall be produced before the Special Court within a maximum period of one week from today. The Special Court shall enlarge the appellant on bail on appropriate stringent terms and conditions after hearing the learned counsel for the Enforcement of Directorate. Apart from the conditions which may be imposed by the Special Court, there shall be a condition for surrender of passport, if any, and the condition of regularly and punctually attending the Special Court and cooperating with the Special Court for early conclusion of the trial.

The Appeal is, accordingly, allowed."

Pending applications stand disposed of accordingly.

(ASHISH KONDLE)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

[THE SIGNED ORDER IS PLACED ON THE FILE]