



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(ARISING OUT OF S.L.P. (CRL.) NO. 15488 OF 2026)

ANIL VALIAPARAMPIL ABRAHAM ...Appellant

VERSUS

DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT,
KOLKATA ZONE-1 ...Respondent

O R D E R

1) Leave granted.

2) The appellant has been implicated as an accused in connection with M.L. Case No. 11 of 2025 arising out of ECIR No. KLZO-I/21/2023, registered by the respondent-Enforcement Directorate for the offences under Sections 3 and 4 read with Section 70 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (for short, 'the PMLA'). Upon rejection of the regular bail application by the Special Court vide order dated 22.12.2025, the appellant approached the High Court of Calcutta. The High Court vide impugned order dated 24.07.2026 passed in CRM (R) No.16 of 2026, dismissed the regular bail application of the appellant. Aggrieved, the appellant is before us.

3) We have heard the learned senior counsel appearing for the appellant and the learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the

respondent-Enforcement Directorate and have also perused the materials placed on record.

4) The learned senior counsel for the appellant submits that though the prosecution complaint has been filed as against the appellant, the cognizance is yet to be taken *qua* the appellant. He further submits that the appellant has already undergone incarceration for a period of about one year and three months.

5) The learned A.S.G. submits that, notwithstanding the fact that the transactions were being monitored by this Court, the appellant has misappropriated huge amounts of funds.

6) Be that as it may, we have been informed that the other accused person(s) who were arrested have been granted bail, and also many of the other accused persons have not been arrested so far.

7) Suffice it to state that, certainly, substantial amount of time will be required for the trial to be completed and, hence, continued incarceration of the appellant is not required for that purpose.

8) In such view of the matter, we are inclined to set aside the impugned order and grant bail considering the period of incarceration undergone

by the appellant, as well as on the premise that the trial is at a nascent stage as cognizance is yet to be taken qua the appellant.

9) Accordingly, the impugned order dated 24.07.2026 passed in CRM (R) No.16 of 2026 by the High Court stands set aside, and the appellant is granted bail on such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the concerned Trial Court.

10) Taking into consideration the facts of the case, we direct the concerned Trial Court to frame charges within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

11) The appeal stands allowed in the above terms.

12) Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
(M.M. SUNDRESH)

.....J.
(PRASANNA B. VARALE)

NEW DELHI;
OCTOBER 16, 2026.

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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). 15488/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 24-07-2026 in CRM(R) No. 16/2026 passed by the High Court at Calcutta]

ANIL VALIAPARAMPIL ABRAHAM

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT KOLKATA ZONE I

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

Date : 16-10-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

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Upon hearing the counsel, the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeal stands allowed in terms of the signed order.

3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(SHUBHAM SONI)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(POONAM VAID)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)