

CC No.59/2022
DLCT 11-000630-2022
CBI Vs. Lalu Prasad Yadav & Ors.
RC No.2202022E0007 dated 18.05.2022
under Section 120-B
r/w Section 11, 12 of the PC Act, 1988
(as stood before amendment of 2018)
and Section 13 (2) r/w Section 13 (1) (d) of the PC Act, 1988

11.08.2025

01:30 p.m.
Hybrid Mode

Present : Mr. D.P. Singh, Ld. Sr. Counsel and SPP for CBI
(through VC) along with Mr. Manu Mishra, Mr. Imaan
Khera, Ms. Garima Saxena, Mr. Digvijay Singh, Ld.
Counsels for CBI.
Inspector Ramendra Dhiman, CBI.

**Proceedings stand abated against accused Raj
Kumar Singh (A-10) Gyan Chand Rai (A-26),
Bikrama Ram (A-64) and Lallan Chaudhary
(A-101).**

Accused No. A-1 to A-7 are exempted on exemption
application.

A-8, A-9, A-11 to A-19, A-20, A-21, A-22, A-23 to
A-25, A-27, A-28, A-29, A-30, A-31, A-32, A-33, A-34,
A-35, A-36 to A-38, A-39, A-40, A-41, A-42, A-43,
A-44, A-45, A-46, A-47, A-48, A-49, A-50, A-51, A-52,
A-53, A-54, A-55, A-56, A-57, A-58, A-59 to A-63,
A-65, A-66, A-67, A-68, A-69, A-70, A-71, A-72, A-73,
A-74, A-75, A-76, A-77, A-78, A-79, A-80, A-81, A-82,
A-83 to A-89, A-90, A-91, A-92 A-93 to A-95, A-96 to
A-100, A-102 and A-103 are present through VC.

Mr. Maninder Singh, Ld. Sr. Counsel along with
Mr. Navin Kumar, Mr. Varun Jain, Mr. Akhilesh Singh,
Mr. Sumit Singh, Ms. Vanika Gupta, Mr. Satish Kumar,
Ms. Aekta Vats, Ms. Sanjana Nair and Ms. Jahnvi
Narang, Ld. Counsels for A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6,
A-7 and A-28.

Mr. Shivam Sharma, Ld. Counsels for A-8 (through
VC).

Mr. R. K. Handoo and Mr. Gaurav Vishwakarma,
Ld. Counsels for A-9.

Mr. Abhimanyu Singh and Mr. Neeraj Maurya, Ld. Counsels for A-10 to A-15, A-17, A-23, A-24 and A-39 (through VC).

Mr. Nikhil Fernades along with Mr. Rohit Pal, Mr. Deepak and Mr. Dhruv Grover, Ld. Counsels for A-16, A-18, A-19, 25, 27 and 57.

Mr. Vikas Walia along with Mr. Yash Bansal Mr. Yash Sharma, Ld. Counsels for A-20.

Ms. Ria Jain, ld. Counsel for A-21 (through VC).

Mr. Akash Singh, ld. Counsel for A-22 (through VC).

Mr. Anshuman Sharma along with Mr. Azaz Ahmed, ld. Counsels for A-29.

Mr. Mohd. Faraz and Mr. Intkhab Alam, Ld. Counsels for A-30.

Mr. Sachin Sharma and Ms. Nur Tandon, Ld. Counsels for A-31, A-76, A-78, A-81, A-82, A-89, A-90, A-93, A-96 (through VC).

Mr. Ravi Ranjan along with Mr. Kamod Yadav, Ld. Counsels for A-32 to A-35, A-52, A-56, A-60, A-66, A-68, A-69, A-71 to A-73 (through VC).

Mr. Nikhil Pillai and Mr. Athak Walia, Abhiroop Saha, Ld. Counsels for A-36 to A-37 (through VC).

Mr. Rachit Ranjan, Ld. Counsel for A-40 and A-103 (through VC).

Mr. Ashwini Kumar, Mr. Krishna Kant Sharma, Mr. Sunil Tomar, Mr. Mohd. Rizwan, Mr. Birendra Bikram, Mr. Raj Narayan Pal, Mr. Anil Khatwani, Mr. Devashree Sharma, Mr. Aditya Singh Ms. Tripti Sinha, Ms. Anita Singh, Ms. Renu Singh, Mr. Ravi Pratap Mal, Mr. Parth Paras Mani, Ld. Counsels for A-38 (through VC).

Mr. Robin Baisoya along with Mr. Hanish Phogat, Ld. Counsels for A-41, A-43, A-48.

Mr. Aakash, Ld. Counsel for A-42, A-46, A-50 and A-51 (through VC).

Ms. Rohini Rana, Ld. Counsel for A-44 and A-45, A-47 (through VC).

Mr. Deepak Kohli along with Mr. Ghufraan Ahmed, Ld. Counsels for A-49 and 102 (through VC).

Mr. Babujan Ansari, Ld. Counsel for A-53 (through VC).

Mr. Krishna Gopal Abhay along with Mr. Rinku, Ld. Counsels for A-54 (through VC).

Mr. Suresh Bharti, Ld. Counsel for A-55 (through VC).

Mr. Sunil Kumar, Ld. Counsel for A-58 (through VC).

Mr. Shantanu Kumar, Ld. Counsel for A-59 (through VC).

Ms. Aekta Vats, Ld. Counsel for A-61 and A-62 (through VC).
Mr. D. K. Singh, Ld. Counsel for A-63 (through VC).
Mr. Venugopal Abhay, Ld. Counsel for A-65 (through VC).
Mr. Rishi Kant Singh and Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Ld. Counsels for A-67 (through VC).
Mr. Kunal Basu, Ld. Counsel for A-70 (through VC).
Mr. Radhe Shyam, Ld. Counsel for A-74.
Mr. Vishwendra Verma along with Ms. Shivali and Ms. Ekta Tomar, Ld. Counsels for A-75, A-87 and A-88 (through VC).
Mr. Binod Kumar Singh, Ld. Counsel for A-77, A-94 and A-95.
Mr. Dhruv Bhardwaj, Ld. Counsel for A-79 (through VC).
Mr. Sanjay Khanna along with Ms. Pragya Bhushan, Mr. Tarandeep Singh along with Ms. Vilakshana Dayma, Ld. Counsels for A-80, A-84 and A-86 (through VC).
Mr. Abhinav Sekhri, Ld. Counsel for A-83 (through VC).
Mr. Karnail Singh along with Mr. Jatin Chaudhary and Ms. Priyanka Bhardwaj, Ld. Counsels for A-85, A-91, A-97, A-99 (through VC).
Mr. Ishaan S. Sharma, Mr. Subham Shukla Mr. Aditya Kashyap, Mr. Ayush, Mr. Sushant Bali, Ms. Shambhavi Sharma, Ld. Advocates for A-92 (through VC).
Mr. Rakesh Lakra along with Ms. Shivani Kher and Mr. Akash Kumar, Ld. Counsels for A-98 (through VC).
Ms. Pratima Dwivedi, Ld. Counsels for A-100 (through VC).

Considering the multiplicity of accused persons (103 accused persons), the present matter has been heard in the context of proceedings under section 207 Cr.P.C. on a day to day basis on bulk dates from 21.04.2025 to 09.05.2025 and from 13.05.2025 to 28.05.2025.

Subsequently, the matter has been taken up for arguments on charge on day to day basis from 02.06.2025 to 09.06.2025 and is presently listed for continuation of arguments on charge on day to day basis from 01.07.2025 onwards.

Proceedings in the forenoon session.

1. At the outset, arguments on charge have been advanced and concluded by the Id. Counsel on behalf of A-41, A-43 and A-48.
2. The Id. Associate counsel for A-44, A-45 and A-47 submits that main counsel Ms. Arpita Rawat is unable to appear today as her maternal grand father has expired and she has gone to Haridwar for the last rites.
3. In view of the personal grounds of the Id. Counsel, the above accused are permitted to advance arguments on charge on 20.08.2025.
4. The arguments on charge are also required to be advanced on behalf of A-20 in terms of the previous order dated 08.08.2025.
5. However, an application has been moved on behalf of A-20 (*who is present and visible through VC*) seeking adjournment of the arguments on behalf of A-20 on the aspect of charge. It is submitted in the application that since a petition has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi against the order of this court dated 08.08.2025 and which is likely to be listed before the Hon'ble High Court on 12.08.2025, the arguments may be permitted to be advanced thereafter. It is further submitted that the application is in the interest of justice and if not allowed, the accused would suffer irreparable loss.
6. The Id. Counsel for the CBI has opposed the application submitting that it is a tactic for delay.
7. The court would note that vide previous order dated 08.08.2025 the court had declined the prayer of A-20 for a stand alone order on an application seeking the removal of a document (D-32) from the charge-sheet. The court had, among other observations, recorded that the insistence of the Id.

Counsel for A-20 upon the application being decided before he may lead other arguments to be a conscious ploy to seek a truncated and piece meal as well as premature finding on issues relating to charge.

8. Yet, noting that an eager, animated or inflexible assertion from a counsel ought not to prejudice the accused, A-20 was granted a final opportunity to advance arguments on charge today. In fact, adjournments have also been granted previously for such submissions.
9. The court finds the present application to be a continuation of the previous intransigent assertion that arguments on charge shall not be lead without an order from the court on the application noticed in the previous ordersheet. The court would severely deprecate not only the attempt at hand holding of the court but also the effort to couch one strand of the arguments on charge as an application and then seek premature adjudication of the same. The present application for adjournment lays bare the conscious effort to create an off ramp for the proceedings by raising selective issues. While it is the inherent right of any party to move an application before any judicial forum, the present insistence by the Id. Counsel for A-20 on an adjournment and the refusal to advance arguments on charge seeks to control the flow and composite arguments on charge which have thus far been completed for 68 accused persons out of 99 accused (4 accused have expired).
10. The court had also directed the appearance of the accused (A-20). The court has elicited from the accused whether the present application is within his cognizance and understanding. A-20 has replied in the affirmative. The court thus concludes that the present application is a conscious effort of the accused himself to delay proceedings by instructing his

counsels to refrain from leading arguments on charge.

11. Since the Id. Counsel for the accused has stated categorically that he shall not be leading arguments on charge even if the present application for adjournment is declined, the only course for the court is to close the arguments on charge on behalf of A-20 as nil after opportunity has been granted to the Id. Counsel for A-20 and also individually to the accused by the court.
12. Though the Id. Counsel for A-20 has evidently come prepared for the above outcome, the court still records in the interest of fairness and to ensure that no modicum of legal strategy ends up defeating the rights of the accused himself, that the accused (A-20) shall be at liberty to file written submissions on charge within one week.
13. The present application for adjournment moved by A-20 is accordingly dismissed.
14. The court has next heard submissions on charge by the Id. Sr. Counsel for A-4 and A-6 who has concluded the same on their behalf.
15. The matter shall be taken up for further arguments by the Id. Sr. Counsel on behalf of A-2 and other accused on 19.08.2025 and 20.08.2025.
16. Since it is now 01:30 p.m. and the entire morning session has been consumed in the above proceedings, the matter shall be taken up for arguments on behalf of other accused in the afternoon session today.

Dr. Vishal Gogne
Special Judge (PC Act) CBI-24
(MP/MLA Cases), RADC
New Delhi/11.08.2025

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and other substantive offences thereof.

11.08.2025

03:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Manu Mishra, Id. Counsel for CBI (through VC).
Mr. Rohit Pal, Id. Counsel A-16, A-18, A-19, 25, 27
and 57.
Mr. Abhimanyu Singh, Id. Counsel for A-10 to A-15,
A-17, A-23, A-24 and A-39 (through VC).

Proceedings in the afternoon session.

1. Arguments on charge have been advanced and concluded on behalf of A-16, A-18 and A-19. The Id. Counsel for these accused is also representing A-25, A-27 and A-57 and seeks some time to lead arguments on their behalf.
2. Let arguments on behalf of A-25, A-27 and A-57 be advanced on 22.08.2025.
3. At this stage, an application under section 4(2) PC Act has been moved on behalf of A-11 to A-15, A-17, A-23, A-24 and A-39.
4. It is noted that the matter is listed for arguments on charge on behalf of the said accused on 13.08.2025 after adjournment for arguments was granted upon the prayer of the Id. Counsel on 08.08.2025. The Id. Counsel for the applicant is at liberty to advance submissions on the said application along with the arguments on charge on the date already fixed i.e. 13.08.2025. The CBI is at liberty to file a reply to the said application.

5. The court would observe that arguments have thus far been advanced and concluded on behalf of 74 accused persons in the day to day hearing on charge since 02.06.2025 and till date. With only 25 accused persons, represented in clusters by 5-6 counsels remaining to argue on the aspect of charge, the said 5-6 counsels are directed to conclude their arguments within the time frame or dates indicated in previous order sheets so as to enable the conclusion of arguments on behalf of all accused by 25.08.2025.

6. List for further arguments on charge on **12.08.2025**.

Dr. Vishal Gogne
Special Judge (PC Act) CBI-24
(MP/MLA Cases), RADC
New Delhi/11.08.2025