

CNR No.DLCT11-000125-2019
CC No.01/2020
CIS No. 55/2019
CBI Vs. Lalu Prasad Yadav & Ors.
RC No.220 E 0013/2017
PS : CBI/EO-II/ND
under Section 120-B r/w Section 420 IPC
& Section 13 (2) r/w 13 (1) (d) of the PC Act

(Hybrid Hearing)

27.10.2025

Present : Mr. D. P. Singh, Ld. Sr. Advocate and SPP for CBI along with Mr. Manu Mishra, Mr. Imaan Khera and Ms. Garima Saxena, Ld. Advocates for CBI.
ASP B.C. Chourasia, CBI.
Inspector Ramendra Dhiman, CBI.
Accused Lalu Prasad Yadav (A-1) in person.
Mr. Maninder Singh, ld. Sr. Counsel along with Mr. Varun Jain, Mr. Navin Kumar, Mr. Akhilesh Singh, Ms. Vanika Gupta, Mr. Sumit Singh, Ms. Sanjana Nair and Ms. Aekta Vats, ld. Counsels for A1, A2, A3 and A4.
Accused Rabri Devi (A-2) is exempted.
Accused Tejashwi Prasad Yadav (A-3) is exempted.
Accused company M/S Lara Project (A-4) is exempted.
Accused Vijay Kochar (A-5) in person.
Mr. Shadan Farasat, ld. Sr. Counsel along with Mr. Kaustubh Chaturvedi for A5, A6 and A14.
Accused Vinay Kochar (A-6) in person.
Accused Sarla Gupta (A-7) through VC.
Mr. R.K. Handoo and Mr. Gaurav Vishwakarma, Ld. Counsels for A7 and A9.
Accused Pradeep Kumar Goel (A-8) through VC.
Mr. Neeraj Gupta and Mr. Ranjeet Kumar Singh, Ld. Counsels for A8.
Accused Prem Chand Gupta (A-9) in person.
Accused Rakesh Saksena (A-10) through VC.
Mr. Sanjay Abbot and Ms. Sanjana Mishra, Ld. Counsels for accused A10.
Accused Bhupendra Kumar Aggarwal (A-11) (in person).
Mr. M.M. Goel, Ld. Counsel for A-11.

Accused Rakesh Kumar Gogia (A-12) in person.

Mr. Bijender Singh, Id. Counsel for A12.

Vinod Kumar Asthana (A-13) in person.

Mr. Abhir Datt along with Ms. Varwika Singh, Id.

Counsels for A13.

Accused Vinay Kochar on behalf of accused company M/s Sujata Hotel (A-14) in person.

LW17 Ashok Singh is present.

Mr. Darshan Paliwala and Mr. Varun K. Chopra, Id.

Advocates for LW17 Ashok Singh.

LW19 Sudipta Nandi is present.

At the outset of the proceedings today, an application has been moved on behalf of accused no. 1, 2 and 4 seeking time for four weeks in order to examine the witnesses who have been summoned in the present block of dates.

It is also prayed in the application that the matter may be thereafter be listed only once a week.

Another application has been moved on behalf of accused no. 5, 6 and 14 praying that the evidence for the prosecution be deferred for any date subsequent to 17.11.2025.

Similar oral prayers for adjournment of evidence for the prosecution have been made by the Id. respective counsels for the other accused.

The essence of the submissions is that in view of the short time available between the framing of the charge and the commencement of evidence, the Id. respective counsels would require adequate time to prepare for cross-examination of the prosecution witnesses. It has been further submitted that the order on charge is itself required to be studied in detail for a more effective cross-examination.

Mr. Maninder Singh, Id. Sr. Counsel for A-1 to A-4 has pointed out that he recently suffered a bereavement in his family and

has only returned to India a few days back. The Ld. Sr. Counsel has however gracefully expressed that his prayer for adjournment is nevertheless upon the grounds akin to others and not necessarily his above personal loss.

While the above prayers are opposed on behalf of the CBI, a prayer is made that evidence may be commenced today.

The court deems it appropriate that a copy of these applications be provided to the CBI which is at liberty to file a reply.

For the present, the court deems it fit that since witnesses from out of Delhi are present today, an effort be made to examine them in chief.

PW1 Sudipta Nandi has been examined-in-chief.

Any objections pertaining to the documents tendered during the examination-in-chief can be taken by the Id. Counsels for the accused persons when PW1 is recalled for cross-examination.

After PW1 has been examined-in-chief, the Id. Sr. Counsel on behalf of the CBI has submitted that witness Ashok Singh, also present today, may be permitted to be examined along with PW1 when he is next recalled for cross-examination.

The above prayer is allowed.

List for PE on the date already fixed i.e. **28.10.2025**.

Dr. Vishal Gogne
Special Judge [PC Act][CBI]-24
(MP/MLA cases), RADC),
New Delhi/27.10.2025