

28.10.2024

Present: Sh. Saurabh Singh, Ld. APP for the CBI.

IO/Inspector Sandeep, CBI, IOD, New Delhi in person.

Accused Lakshay Vij has been produced after 04 days' police custody.

Sh. Prabhav Ralli, Sh. Yuvraj Bansal and Ms. Vanya Gupta, Ld. counsels for accused Lakshay Vij.

1. An application seeking judicial custody for 14 days has been filed by the IO. Copy of the application has been given to the Ld. Defence Counsel for the accused. Arguments on the application have been heard.

2. Ld. APP for the CBI submitted that during police custody, accused Lakshay Vij was confronted with incriminating material recovered and seized from other accused persons; he disclosed his association with accused Prafful Gupta and Karan Chugh; efforts were made to recover the mobile phone used by accused Lakshay Vij in commission of the offence but it could not be recovered. It is further submitted by the Ld. APP that the identity and whereabouts of other accused persons is yet to be ascertained; to prevent the accused from influencing the witnesses and tampering with the evidence, he is to be remanded



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to judicial custody.

3. Ld. Counsel for the accused, on the other hand, submitted that since the initial arrest was not in accordance with law, all subsequent proceedings would also fall through. It is further submitted that since the accused Lakshay Vij is already in judicial custody in ED case, there is no chance of his influencing the witnesses or tampering with the evidence.

4. I have considered the rival submissions and have gone through the case file. Case diary seen. MLC of the accused seen.

5. The production, arrest and remand of the accused have not been challenged till date. No bail application on behalf of the accused in this case has been filed.

6. From the investigation carried out so far, it is seen that there exists a trans-national racket of cyber criminals whereby vulnerable foreign nationals are defrauded by gaining unauthorized access to their computer systems and inducing them to transfer funds in crypto currency. From the evidence gathered so far, the involvement of accused Lakshay Vij, in conspiracy with other accused persons, is *prima facie* clear.

7. Since the investigation is at initial stages, for the purpose of fair and expeditious investigation and to prevent the accused from tampering with the evidence and influencing the witnesses, **accused Lakshay Vij is remanded to judicial custody till**



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8. **Accused Lakshay Vij be produced on 11.11.2024 through VC.**

9. The accused shall be permitted to wear spectacles during judicial custody. The accused shall be permitted to take medicines subject to production of requisite prescription by him or as prescribed at the time of his medical examination.

10. **The application is accordingly disposed of.**

11. Copy of the order be given *dasti*.



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