

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 4993 OF 2024 (arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.8433 of 2024)

ANIL JINDAL ..... APPELLANT(S)

**VERSUS** 

SERIOUS FRAUD INVESTIGATION OFFICE ..... RESPONDENT(S)

with

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.4991 OF 2024 (arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.13912 of 2024)

and

<u>CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.4994 OF 2024</u> (arising out of SLP (Crl.) No.14001 of 2024)

### <u>O R D E R</u>

Leave granted.

Having regard to the period of incarceration suffered by the appellants, namely, Anil Jindal, Bishan Bansal, and Nanak Chand Tayal, which is more than six and a half years, and as the trial in the present cases is at the initial stage, we accept the present appeals. Accordingly, we direct that the appellants, namely, Anil Jindal, Bishan Bansal, and Nanak Chand Tayal, will be released on bail during the pendency of the prosecution/trial in COMA No. 17/2021, titled "Serious Fraud Investigation Office v. SRS Limited"

and Others", on terms and conditions to be fixed by the trial court.

The appellants, namely, Anil Jindal, Bishan Bansal, and Nanak Chand Tayal will provide mobile numbers on which they can be contacted by the Officers of the Department of Serious Fraud Investigation Office to ascertain their whereabouts, while they are on bail. If required and necessary, they shall appear before the Investigating Officer.

In addition, the appellants, Anil Jindal, Bishan Bansal, and Nanak Chand Tayal, shall surrender their passports in the trial court. They will furnish details/list of the immovable assets owned by them, singly or jointly, and shall not alienate or transfer any immovable asset without the permission of the trial court. The appellants shall also provide lists of their bank accounts, whether individual or joint, to the trial court. In case they open a new bank account, individually or jointly or with a third person, the said details will also be furnished to the trial court.

The trial Court will proceed with the trial expeditiously and is also entitled to cancel the bail in case an adjournment is sought on behalf of the appellants.

The impugned judgment(s) is set aside and the appeals are allowed in the aforesaid terms.

We clarify that the observations made in this order are for disposal of the present appeals and for grant of bail and the same

 $<sup>1\</sup>mbox{Pending before the Court of the learned Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, Gurugram, Haryana.}$ 

will not be treated as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

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

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#### SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

#### Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 8433/2024

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 30-04-2024 in CRMM No. 65367/2023 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

ANIL JINDAL Petitioner(s)

**VERSUS** 

SERIOUS FRAUD INVESTIGATION OFFICE

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 137338/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 184863/2024 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF, IA No. 142478/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

WITH

SLP(Crl) No. 13912/2024 (II-B)
(IA No. 227702/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

<u>SLP(Crl) No. 14001/2024 (II-B)</u>

Date: 04-12-2024 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

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

Leave granted.

In terms of the signed order, it is directed that the appellants, namely, Anil Jindal, Bishan Bansal, and Nanak Chand Tayal, will be released on bail during the pendency of the prosecution/trial in COMA No. 17/2021, titled "Serious Fraud Investigation Office v. SRS Limited and Others", on terms and conditions to be fixed by the trial court.

The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order.

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

(BABITA PANDEY)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(R.S. NARAYANAN) ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)