

**Criminal Appeal No. 859 of 2025****Present:****Mr. Justice Md. Shohrowardi****Ms. Elida Yeasmin, Advocate****.....For the appellant petitioner.****Mr. Sultan Mahmood Banna, AAG with****Mrs. Sharmin Hamid, AAG****.....For the State****04.03.2025**

This is an application for bail on behalf of the appellant petitioner Md. Saiful Islam in pending appeal filed against the judgment and order of conviction and sentence dated 30.01.2025 passed by Special Judge, Special Court No. 6, Dhaka in Special Case No. 05 of 2023 and Special Case No. 13 of 2020 arising out of Sutrapur Police Station Case No. 27 dated 26.09.2019 corresponding to G.R. No. 288 of 2019 convicting the appellant petitioner under Section 4(2) of the Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2012 and sentencing him thereunder to suffer rigorous imprisonment for 04 (four) years and fine of Tk. 34,32,600/- (thirty four lakhs thirty two thousand and six hundred) each in default to suffer simple imprisonment for further 03 (three) months each.

Learned Advocate Ms. Elida Yeasmin on behalf of the appellant petitioner having placed the application for bail submits that the appellant petitioner was shown arrested in the case on 06.01.2020 and the High Court Division granted him bail on 26.10.2022 in Criminal Appeal No. 5762 of 2022 but he was convicted in another case for which he could not enjoy the privilege of bail and he is languishing in custody since his arrest on 06.01.2020 for about 3 years and 06 months out of the total sentence of 04 years passed by the trial court against him. Therefore he prayed for bail of the accused petitioner.

Learned Assistant Attorney General Mr. Sultan Mahmood Banna appearing on behalf of the state submits that the trial court rightly convicted the appellant petitioner and there is no chance of acquittal of the case. He opposes the prayer for bail.

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I have considered the submission of the learned Advocate who appeared on behalf of the appellant-petitioner and the learned Assistant Attorney General who appeared on behalf of the state, perused the application for bail filed by the appellant-petitioner, evidence and the impugned judgment and order passed by the trial Court.

Considering the custody of the appellant-petitioner, evidence and the facts and circumstances of the case I am inclined to enlarge the appellant petitioner on bail.

Pending hearing of the appeal, let the appellant petitioner Md. Saiful Islam son of Md. Delowar Hossain be enlarged on bail for 6 (six) months from date subject to satisfaction of the Special Judge, Special Court No. 06, Dhaka.