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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-22426-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 19.09.2024

Gurmesh Singh Gill

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE**
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr. Gagandeep Singh Virk, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India (UOI),
with Ms. Promila Nain, Senior Panel Counsel,
for the respondents.

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SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed seeking a direction to respondent No. 2 – Directorate of Enforcement to release the petitioner's bank accounts/FDR (Fixed Deposit Receipt) which have been seized by the Enforcement Directorate alleging the same to contain tainted money under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (in short the 'Act').

2. It is not disputed by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the provisional attachment, which took place in 2022, has since been confirmed, and therefore, the petitioner has a remedy available under the Act, that entitles him to challenge the order before the Adjudicating Authority where the appeal so filed by the petitioner has suffered dismissal.

3. In view of the above, learned counsel for the petitioner prays for withdrawal of the petition with liberty to assail the order passed by the Adjudicating Authority in accordance with law.

4. Prayer made is allowed.

5. The petition stands dismissed as withdrawn with the aforesaid liberty.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

19.09.2024
Amodh Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No