



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-32243-2024

Date of decision : 29.11.2024

Ranjit Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Sumeet Mahajan, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. Saksham Mahajan, Advocate,
Ms. Shruti Singla, Advocate, and
Mr. Shrey Sachdeva, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General of India, with
Ms. Promila Nain, Senior Panel Counsel, UOI, and
Ms. Harveen Mehta, Advocate.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. One of the principal grounds raised by the petitioner, while assailing the provisional attachment order passed by the Adjudicating Authority under Section 5 (1) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, is that the Adjudicating Authority cannot legitimately function as a Single Member Body.
2. It is not disputed at the Bar by learned counsel for the rival parties that the Apex Court is seized of the same issue, in C.A. No. 1548-1549/2024, SLP (C) No. 19466/2023, SLP (Crl.) No. 11548/2024, SLP (C) No. 7795/2024



and SLP (Crl.) No. 8530/2024, which are likely to be taken up in the second week of December, 2024.

3. In view of the above, it would be appropriate to await decision of the Apex Court in the aforesaid matters, and in case, the verdict of the Apex Court is adverse to the interest of the petitioner, he can always re-visit this Court, to raise the remaining grounds, if any.

4. With the aforesaid liberty, the petition stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

November 29, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No