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BRIBE IS AN ACT OF MONEY LAUNDERING:- SC

(DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENTS vs. ADITYA TRIPATHI¹)

The Supreme Court of India has set aside the judgment of the Hon'ble Telangana High Court wherein bail was granted to a key accused in a high-profile money laundering case. The abovementioned case was brought by the ED² against accused challenging the High Court's decision to release him on bail.

Hon'ble Court held as under:

- In this case, Economic Offences Wing at Bhopal lodged an FIR against 20 individuals and entities for criminal and economic offences under PMLA, Prevention of Anti-corruption Act, Information Technology Act and other applicable laws against the individual and entities who have committed the offences and consequently they were arrested. Therefore, a bail application was filed before the Hon'ble High Court and bail was granted to the accused against which the learned ED filed an appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.
- Thereafter, the Hon'ble Apex Court observed that the Hon'ble High Court had failed to consider the graveness of the offences and further, it was held that the investigation is still on-going. Thus, the Supreme Court quashed the High Court's order granting bail and remitted the case back to the High Court for a fresh decision based on the observation of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

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