

**IN THE COURT OF BHAWNA JAIN
SPECIAL JUDGE, CBI COURT,
CHANDIGARH
UID NO.HR0169**

CNR No. CHCH01-000337-2024

CIS No.PC 02 of 2024

IA No. 09 of 27.05.2026

Date of Order : 04.06.2026

Central Bureau of Investigation

Versus

Swaranjeet Singh & Ors.

FIR No.RC0052023A00006

Dated : 12.01.2023

Under Section : 120-B, 409, 420 of the
IPC, 7 & 8 of Prevention of
Corruption Act, 1988 & 65 of I.T. Act,
2000

Police Station : CBI, ACB, Chandigarh.

**Application seeking permission to visit abroad
and release of passport.**

Argued by : Sh. Vipul Jindal Advocate, counsel by applicant-accused (A-4)
assisted by applicant Preeti Gohel in person
Sh. Narender Singh Public Prosecutor for the CBI

ORDER

This is to dispose of an application bearing IA No.09 dated 27.05.2026, moved by applicant-accused Preeti Gohel seeking permission to travel abroad, i.e, Dubai from 08.06.2026 to 06.08.2026 for taking care of her minor son. She has also sought for release of her passport for the above said limited duration.

Applicant's version:

2. It has been interalia claimed on behalf of applicant that she is having deep roots in the society and is a permanent resident of Gujarat. There is no apprehension of her absconding/evading the process of law. She has already moved for tender of pardon and becoming an approver, thereby expressing her willingness to fully co-operate with the prosecution. She is not at flight risk. Her minor son aged 15 years is presently staying at Dubai and is suffering from medical ailments. He has met with an accident on 26.05.2026 in Dubai and is under mental trauma and needs the care and attention of his mother, the accused-applicant. Copy of the accident report dated 26.05.2026 involving the car of the applicant being driven by her driver is annexed along with the file though no injury was sustained by her minor son. She returned to India on 22.02.2026 at her own and joined the proceedings. The accused-applicant is the primary caregiver of her minor son and in view of the age of her son, his health condition and mental trauma, the presence of the applicant is of imminent importance in Dubai with her son. Air tickets to travel abroad to Dubai from 08.06.2026 to 06.08.2026 are annexed along with the application. She has undertaken to abide by all the terms and conditions, to be imposed by the court on account of her travelling abroad.

3. A prayer is also made to release her passport temporarily till 07.08.2026 while undertaking to deposit the same before the court immediately after her return from Dubai.

Respondent's version:

4. The CBI has resisted the application claiming that the application of the accused-applicant for seeking tender of pardon is pending consideration before this court and to decide the said application, her availability before the court is necessary. There is every possibility that she may not return to India, if permitted to visit abroad and as such delay would be caused in the trial of the case.

5. Arguments have been advanced by Sh. Vipul Jindal Advocate, learned counsel for the accused-applicant assisted by applicant in person and Sh.Narender Singh, Learned Public Prosecutor.

Analysis and Findings:

6. Perusal of the record reveals that earlier the accused-applicant had travel abroad without the permission of the court and her bail had been cancelled vide order dated 11.02.2026. Thereafter, she filed an anticipatory bail application, which was declined by this court vide order dated 20.04.2026. However, the accused-applicant was admitted to bail by the Hon'ble High Court vide order dated 07.05.2026 passed in CRM-M-24801-2026 subject to depositing cost of ₹25,000/- with Sai Aasra Paraplegic Rehab Centre (Account No.9612001641). The cost was deposited by the accused-applicant and receipt was placed on record. Under the direction of the Hon'ble High Court, the accused-applicant had also surrendered her passport to the court on 08.05.2026.

7. No doubt that in view of her above said previous conduct, the accused-applicant is not entitled to any kind of relaxation, still in view of the mental trauma of her minor son, who is stated to be only 15 years of age and is residing in Dubai and is in the need of the moral support, the application of the accused-applicant deserves merit though subject to few stringent conditions.

8. Though her application seeking tender of pardon (IA 05 of 2025) is lying pending, but the proceedings in the case have been adjourned to 07.08.2026 for arguments on the above said application, whereas, by virtue of the instant application, she has sought for permission to visit abroad from 08.06.2026 to 06.08.2026. Therefore, in the given circumstances, there is nothing on record to decline the request of the applicant. Whereas, on the other hand, this court can fairly infer that refusing such request to travel abroad to the applicant would amount to curtailing her rights. The Supreme Court of India in **Satish Chandra Verma vs. Union of India, 2019 (2) S.C.T., 741**, has held as under :

“The right to travel abroad is an important basic human right for it nourishes independent and self determining creative character of the individual, not only by extending his freedoms of action, but also by extending the scope of his experience. The right also extends to private life, marriage, family and friendship are humanities, which can be rarely affected through refusal of freedom to go abroad and clearly shows that this freedom is a genuine human right.”

9. In view of the ratio of law laid down by Hon'ble the Apex Court as well as the facts and circumstances of the case in hand, this court is inclined to grant the request of the applicant for release of her passport for the above said period for travelling abroad with condition to surrender the same to the court immediately after her return to India.

Conclusion:

10. Consequently, the instant application is hereby **allowed**. The applicant is permitted to travel abroad, i.e, Dubai from 08.06.2026 to 06.08.2026. Further, to enable the applicant to travel abroad, her **passport is also ordered to be released to her with a direction to re-submit the same in the court immediately after her return from abroad**. Applicant is directed to abide by following conditions :

- (i) That the applicant/accused shall furnish her present and permanent address, mobile number, e-mail address to the Investigating Officer. In case of any change thereof she shall inform the Investigating Officer forthwith.
- (ii) That the applicant/accused shall keep her mobile phone on ON MODE in all circumstances and all days and shall also call the Investigating Office apprising him of her whereabouts, if asked.
- (iii) That the applicant/accused shall furnish all necessary and minute details along with her itinerary to the Investigating Officer qua her stay in the Dubai.

- (iv) That the applicant/accused shall not seek extension of the period of her stay abroad at any ground whatsoever, except in case of medical emergency and **shall return to India by 06.08.2026 and report to the court in person on next working day of this court, along with her passport.**
- (v) That the applicant/accused shall not visit any other country except Dubai.
- (vi) That the applicant/accused shall furnish **indemnity bond to the tune of Rupees One Crore** before this court/duty court, and the said amount shall be forfeited in case there is any violation of conditions on the part of the applicant/accused.
- (vii) That the applicant/accused shall also deposit an **FDR to the tune of Rupees Thirty Lakh** in her own name before this court, which she shall not be able to encash without permission of this Court and the said amount shall be forfeited in case there is any violation of conditions on the part of the applicant/accused.

11. **Copy of this order under the signature of Reader/Ahlmad to this Court be forwarded to the Embassy of the said Country situated at New Delhi through CBI.**

**Pronounced
04.06.2026**

**Bhawna Jain,
Special Judge, CBI Court,
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Sanjeev Dogra, Stenographer Grade I

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Present: Sh. Narender Singh Public Prosecutor for the CBI
Shri Nikhil Sharma Advocate, counsel for accused-applicant
no.4 Preeti Gohal

Order Announced.

Vide separate order of even date, the application IA no.09 of
2026 (filed on behalf of accused no.4 on 27.05.2026 seeking permission to
visit abroad) has been **allowed**.

File be put up before the court on **07.08.2026**, the date and
purpose already fixed.

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Sanjeev Dogra/Stenographer Gr.I

(Bhawna Jain)
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