

**IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL JUDGE:
PC ACT (CBI) - 04, ROUSE AVENUE COURTS, DELHI.**

IA No.11/2025

CT No. 01/2023

E.D V. SSK Trading Pvt Ltd & Ors. (Applicant Pradeep Goel)

ECIR /DLZO-1/06/2018

U/s 4 r/w Section 3 of PMLA 2002

03.05.2025

Present : Sh. Naveen Sharma and Mr. Aman Raghav, Ld.
Counsel for the applicant Pradeep Goel.

Sh. Atul Tripathi, Ld. Spl. Public Prosecutor for
E.D/non-applicant.

This is an application moved on behalf of applicant seeking permission to travel **abroad (USA) from 18.05.2025 to 08.06.2025.**

Reply is filed by the E.D to the aforesaid application.
Arguments also heard.

ORDER

1. It is, inter alia, pleaded in the application that son of the applicant has recently completed his class 12th standard and now intends to pursue further studies/professional course from reputed institution/universities in United States of America (USA). Therefore, the applicant and his son want to visit USA. They will be visiting USA for admission purposes from

18.05.2025 till 08.06.2025 and itinerary in this regard shall be finalised once the permission is granted by the Hon'ble Court.

1.2 It is further pleaded on behalf of applicant that he was admitted to bail vide order dated 17.04.2023. Copy of the said order is annexed as Annexure-A. He has never misused the said liberty and remained available for investigation as well as court proceedings. The applicant herein was not arrested during investigation. The applicant has deep roots in the society and has his parents, wife and three school going children in India.

1.3 It is also pleaded that the right to travel abroad is recognized as an integral aspect of the right to life and personal liberty enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Reliance is placed upon judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in case titled **Satish Chandra Verma V. UOI 2019 SCC Online SCC 2048.**

1.4 It is further pleaded that the applicant has come to know that respondent has issued a Look Out Circular (LOC) against him. The said LOC is also required to be withdrawn/cancelled. The passport of the applicant is already lying deposited in case titled ED V. M/s Occasion Silver Pvt Ltd & Ors, CT Case No. 03/2021 as a bail condition before Ld. Special Judge (PC Act), CBI-06, RADC, New Delhi. The Hon'ble Special Judge, CBI-06, granted permission to the applicant for seeking VISA on the passport vide order dated 15.01.2025. Copy of the said order is also annexed as Annexure-

B. Hence, prayer is made for grant of permission to travel abroad during the relevant period.

2. Ld. Spl. Public Prosecutor for the E.D has opposed the present application stating that applicant herein is facing trial in case of money laundering under Section 3 & 4 of PMLA 2002 on the basis of complaint dated 13.01.2023 made under Section 44 read with Section 45 of PMLA. The Court vide order dated 10.03.2023 took cognizance of the complaint and proceedings are in progress. There are serious allegations against applicant who is director /owner of M/s Goel Implex Pvt. Ltd., M/s Raj Mahal Diamonds and M/s Ginni Holdings of doing sham transactions with M/s SSK Trading Pvt. Ltd by providing fake bills and transferring amounts received from M/s SSK Trading Pvt Ltd.

2.1 It is further pleaded that there is no necessity to travel physically to the colleges abroad for purpose of admission of son of the accused as the colleges and universities have their online prospectus and online admission procedures.

2.2 It is further argued by Ld. Spl. P P for the E.D that the charges in the matter are yet to be framed, if the accused/applicant herein is permitted to travel abroad, he may flee in order to avoid the trial. It is further submitted that a judicial note of a trend where the magnanimity of the various Courts has been abused by accused of committing huge economic offences and thereafter absconding to evade the process of law. The instance of cases titled Nitin Sandesara V.

ED & Ors in WP (C) 7559/2017 and U.P Police Cr. M.P No. 1107/2016 in SPL (Crl) (No.) 10244/2015 are relied upon by Ld.Spl. PP for E.D

3. Heard and considered.

4. Vide order dated 17.04.2023, applicant Pradeep Goel was admitted to bail by Ld. Predecessor of this Court. The said order is perused.

4.1 The accused/applicant herein was admitted to bail vide order dated 17.04.2023 wherein one of the condition was that he shall seek permission of the Court before travelling abroad. Therefore, the present application is moved.

4.2 The purpose/ground of visiting abroad (USA) is stated to admission of the son of the applicant who has passed 12th standard and intends to take admission in some institute/university in USA.

4.3 The only ground taken on behalf of E.D in opposing the present application is that there is no necessity for the accused/applicant of physically visiting USA for admission as the same can be done online. The said plea taken by E.D has no force as admission purposes, physical appearance of the candidate and guardian is required. Even otherwise, it is not for

E.D to dictate as to how the applicant/accused has to conduct his affairs.

5. As far as the plea of E.D that there is apprehension of accused/applicant fleeing away from the process of law or not returning India is concerned, the same is not forthcoming from the record. The accused/applicant herein has been chargesheeted without arrest. Till date there is no report/complaint that applicant herein has misused the liberty of bail. The applicant is already permitted vide order dated 02.05.2025 to travel by Co-ordinate Court in CT.C No.03/21 titled as ED. V. M/s Occasion Silver Pvt Ltd & Ors.

6. In view of the facts and circumstances, **Applicant Pradeep Goel is permitted to travel/ visit USA from 18.05.2025 to 08.06.2025 subject to the following conditions:**

- (i) That Accused/Applicant shall furnish a security of Rs. 10 lacs in addition to his personal surety bond in the like amount. The said security may be furnished in the form of FDR. The amount shall be liable to be forfeited in case of breach of any condition mentioned herein.
- (ii) That Accused/Applicant shall inform the Court about his arrival in India within 72 hours of his return.
- (iii) That in any eventuality, the Accused/Applicant shall not request for extension of his stay abroad.
- (iv) That Accused/Applicant shall not tamper with evidence or influence witnesses in any manner and shall not use the permission granted to his contrary to the Rules.

- (v) That this permission shall be subject to other applicable rules and shall not be deemed as directions to any other authority except permission from the side of the Court.
- (vi) That during his stay abroad, the Accused/Applicant shall be represented before the Court by his counsel and no adjournment shall requested on his behalf due to his absence.
- (vii) That Accused/Applicant shall file an undertaking with affidavit that he shall not dispute his identity during the proceedings/trial conducted in the presence of his counsel during this period.
- (viii) That Accused/Applicant shall submit his addresses/itinerary at USA, where he intends to stay alongwith his working contact number during this period.
- (ix) That Surety of Accused/Applicant shall undertake to accept notice, if any, on behalf of applicant/accused in his absence.

The application stands disposed off accordingly.

A copy of this order be given Dasti to Accused/Applicant/
his counsel.

(GAGANDEEP SINGH)
Special Judge, PC Act, CBI-04
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