

IA No. 5/2025

**CBI v Green Valley Plywood Limited & Ors.
FIR No. RC6(E)/2015/BDI/CBI/BS & FC/New Delhi
u/s 120B IPC r/w/420, 467, 468, 471 IPC and
Section 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of PC Act 1988**

03.05.2025

Present : Sh. Raj Kamal, Ld. PP for CBI.
Ms. Trisha Mittal and Ms. Femitha Fathima, Ld.
Counsels for **A-3 Anju Kejriwal**.

This is an application of **applicant/A-3 Anju Kejriwal** for temporary release of her passport bearing no. Z3148629 and issuance of no objection certificate and directions to the Passport Authority to renew passport of applicant for 10 years.

It is stated in the application that the applicant/A-3 was not arrested during the investigation by the CBI in the present case and vide order dated 31.01.2020, the applicant was granted regular bail subject to deposition of her passport. It is further submitted that in due compliance with the directions of the Court, the applicant duly surrendered her passport in the Court.

It is further submitted in the application that youngest son of applicant/A-3 is currently pursuing his master's in business management from Standford Graduate School of Business in California, USA and the applicant/A-3 alongwith her husband wishes to travel to the USA to visit their son in the near future and now the applicant/A-3 has discovered that her passport is due to expire on 12.05.2025. Applicant/A-3 seeks the release of her original passport for the purpose of renewing the same and she undertakes to duly deposit her renewed passport upon

receiving the same. Applicant/A-3 further seeks the issuance of NOC by this Court as required in GSR 570(E) issued by the MEA vide Notification dated 25.08.1993 and directions to the Passport Authority to renew the passport for a duration of ten years from the date of issue instead of one year in terms with GSR no. 570(E) in Circular no. VI/401/1/3/2014 dated 21.08.2014 and Office Memorandum no. VI/401/1/5/2019 dated 10.10.2019. It is further submitted that in terms of Section 22(a) of the Passport Act, 1967, a passport can be renewed even during the pendency of criminal proceedings however, for such renewal, the concerned jurisdictional court before whom the proceedings are pending must grant its No Objection in terms with GSR 570.

It is further submitted by the applicant/A-3 that she has also filed a similar application in Complaint Case no. 11/2020 titled *ED v Jagmohan Kejriwal and Ors.* before the jurisdictional court seeking a No Objection in the ECIR. It is further submitted by the applicant/A-2 that during the pendency of the investigation and commencement of proceedings, the applicant/A-3 and her husband had ceased all foreign travel and the applicant has always complied with all the conditions imposed upon her by this Court in the Bail Order and has never misused her liberty. It is further submitted that the trial in the present case has not commenced nor has charge has been framed till date.

It is submitted by the applicant/A-3 that most countries including USA, require a passport to be valid for at least six months beyond the intended date of entry into the country and renewal for one year would reduce the effective validity of the passport to six months. Since Rule 12 of the Passport Rules,

1980, stipulates the validity of a passport to be 10 years, so it is requested to grant the applicant/A-3 its No Objection for renewal of the passport for the entire duration of 10 years.

Oral reply to the application filed by CBI. It is submitted that incase, the accused no.3/applicant is granted permission for renewal of her passport, there is every likelihood that she may misuse the liberty given by the Court and since no LOC is opened against the accused/applicant, she may flee from the country to another country with which India has no extradition treaty and may never return to face the trial proceedings. It is further submitted that it is strongly apprehended that since her son is staying in USA, it is much convenient for her to arrange for settling abroad and therefore, it is requested to dismiss the application of the applicant/A-2.

Arguments on the application heard.

I have given my thoughtful consideration to the rival submissions and have perused the record carefully. Perusal of the record reveals that A-3 Anju Kejriwal was admitted to bail vide order dated 31.01.2020 subject to the condition that she shall surrender her passport with the Court and shall not leave the country without permission of the Court.

In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the application is allowed and it is clarified that this Court has no objection to the renewal of the passport of applicant/A-3 Anju Kejriwal for a period of 10 years subject to the accused/applicant fulfilling other rules and regulations of the passport issuing authority.

The applicant/A-3 Anju Kejriwal is directed to deposit her passport in the Court upon receiving the same after renewal in terms of the order dated 31.01.2020.

Copy of this order be given dasti to the accused/applicant and to the CBI, as prayed. Application is hereby disposed off.

ANKIT SINGLA
Special Judge (PC Act) CBI-02
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