

IN THE SPECIAL COURT FOR CBI AT GREATER BOMBAY

ORDER BELOW EXH.80

IN

CBI SPECIAL CASE NO.874/2023

(CNR No.: MHCC02-004803-2023)

Saurabh Dhoot

....Applicant/A-8

In the matter of:

**Central Bureau of Investigation
(CBI, BSFB, New Delhi)**

.... Complainant

V/s.

**Videocon International Electronics Ltd
and others.**

.... Accused persons.

**CORAM: DR. J.P. DAREKAR,
THE SPECIAL JUDGE (CBI)
(COURT ROOM NO.51)**

DATED: 11th February 2025.

Appearance:-

Ld. Advocate Mr. Rahul Agarwal for accused no.8/applicant.

Ld. Public Prosecutor Mr. Vikram Singh for the CBI.

ORAL ORDER

1. Applicant/accused No.8 has preferred this application for permission to travel abroad.

2. It is submitted that, the applicant/ accused no.8 along with other accused is facing charge u/s.120B r/w. 409,420 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sec. 7,11,12 and 13(2) r/w. 13(1)(c) of The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. CBI has filed the charge-sheet against him and process was issued against him on 12/07/2023. He has filed Non Arrest Bail Application under Section 88 of The Code of Criminal Procedure,

1973. After hearing both sides, bail application has been granted to him with some conditions. While granting bail, condition has been put on him '*not to leave India without obtaining permission from this Court and he is directed to surrender his passport if any with CBI*.' On 11/10/2023, he sought permission of this court to travel abroad to Zurich, Switzerland for the period from 15/11/2023 to 22/11/2023 for attending International Chess Competition of his son. He has been allowed to travel abroad on some conditions. As per the directions, he had deposited cash security of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rs. Three Lakhs only) with the Registrar (Sessions) of this Court. Till date, he has not withdrawn the cash security of Rs.3,00,000/- which is lying with the Registrar(Sessions). Due to personal difficulty, he could not travel abroad. Therefore, on 10/11/2023, his Advocate informed this court through pursis. On 10/11/2023, he has sought permission to travel abroad to Bangkok and Phuket, Thailand for the period from 17/12/2023 to 27/12/2023. The said application was also allowed on earlier cash security deposit. After complying the conditions of the order dated 04/12/2023, he returned to India and deposited the passport with Investigating Machinery. On 13/06/2024, he further sought permission to travel to Stuttgart, Germany and Nice (Cote D'Azur), France for the period from 04/07/2024 to 25/07/2024. He has also sought permission to travel to Dubai (UAE) from 09/08/2024 to 11/08/2024. The applications were allowed on 21/06/2024 and he has complied all the directions. After returning, he again intimated to the CBI. Again he made an application for permission to travel to Cannes, France for the period from 19/09/2024 to 28/09/2024. The said application came to be allowed on 29/08/2024 on some conditions. He is holding valid passport. Now, he wants to travel Dubai for the business tour for a period from 14/02/2025 to 17/02/2025. He has confirmed

the hotel bookings of his stay during the above mentioned period and confirmed flight details. He has produced his contact which will be available during his travel. He is ready to abide by the terms and conditions as may be imposed by this court. He has not withdrawn the cash security of Rs.3,00,000/- deposited with Registrar (Sessions) of this Court. He was never arrested in the instant case and has co-operated with the Investigating Machinery. His entire business operations are in Mumbai, India and he is having permanent address in Mumbai. Hence, prayed to allow the application by permitting him to travel to Dubai from 14/02/2025 to 17/02/2025 for business purpose and to continue the earlier cash security of Rs.3,00,000/-.

3. Ld. Public Prosecutor Shri. Vikram Singh for CBI has strongly objected the application. He has filed his say on the overleaf of the application of taking the matter on board. It is submitted that the applicant has not given valid reasons for his travels. He has not given details for business purposes for travelling abroad. He is the accused in a grave economic offence. Therefore, there are chances that he may flee away. Hence, he prayed to dismiss the application.

4. Heard both sides. Heard Mr. Rahul Agarwal, for the applicant/accused and Ld. Public Prosecutor Shri. Vikram Singh for the CBI. Perused the record. It is seen that accused is facing the trial for the offences punishable under Sections 120B r/w. 409,420 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sec. 7,11,12 and 13(2) r/w. 13(1)(c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The copy of previous orders passed on previous applications for permission to travel abroad of present accused is annexed with the present application. However, CBI has strongly objected the application. It has not been brought on record

that on previous occasion, when the accused was permitted to travel abroad, he has violated the liberty granted to him or breached any conditions mentioned in those orders. As per the settled legal principle, travelling abroad is an important right of the citizen. As there is nothing has been brought on record by the CBI, no serious prejudice will be caused to the CBI, if the application is allowed and permission is granted to the accused to travel abroad. So far as the submissions made on behalf of CBI and apprehension raised by the prosecution is concerned, imposition of stringent conditions may suffice the purpose. Hence, the order :-

ORDER

1. Application(Exh.80) in CBI Spl. Case No.874/2023 is allowed.
2. Applicant/**accused No.8 Saurabh Dhoot** is hereby permitted to travel abroad to Dubai for the period from 14/02/2025 to 17/02/2025 for business purpose.
3. Applicant/accused is directed to furnish the Flight details as well as detail addresses along with land-line number & mobile number, where he will visit and reside, to the CBI prior to moving outside India.
4. The applicant/accused is directed to attend the Embassy of India or its allied Offices at-least once during his stay in Dubai and to request the Embassy of India to issue an attendance certificate in his favour. If such attendance certificate is issued, he may file the same in the Court after returning back to India.
5. The applicant/accused is directed to file an Affidavit along with

Appearance Report and copy of passport showing entries in respect of the schedule for which the permission is granted, after his arrival in India.

6. The applicant/accused and the CBI are directed to inform the Bureau of Immigration regarding this order.
7. The applicant/accused to submit copy of entire passport before leaving India.
8. Applicant/accused is directed to report to the CBI before going and after return from abroad to India.
9. The earlier security amount of Rs.3,00,000/- (as submitted in para 10 of the application) is lying in the Treasury. The said amount be treated as cash security for this application.
10. Applicant/accused is directed to keep his Advocate present during aforesaid period, if required. He is further directed to note that, the aforesaid permission is subject to any direction requiring her personal presence before this Court or Hon'ble Bombay High Court during aforesaid period.
11. Applicant/accused shall not seek any extension of stay at abroad on any other ground and shall comply with the aforesaid conditions, failing which, the amount of cash security deposited stands forfeited to the Government without notice and non-bailable warrant will be issued against him.

12. The applicant/ accused shall furnish names of his two close relatives with their addresses and contact numbers to the CBI.

13. Applicant/accused is directed not to indulge in any sort of illegal activities at abroad and maintain the reputation of the Nation.

14. Applicant/accused is hereby directed to abide by all other conditions of bail without fail.

(Application stands disposed of accordingly).



Date: 11/02/2025

(Dr. J.P. DAREKAR)
Special Judge(CBI)
Gr.Bombay (CR 51)

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 Signed by HHJ on : 11/02/2025

"CERTIFIED TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNED JUDGMENT/ORDER."

12/02/2025 Date at 5.00 pm
 UPLOAD DATE AND TIME

(Smt. S.U. Manjrekar)
 Stenographer(Grade I)

Name of the Judge (With Court room no.)	H.H.J. Dr. J.P. Darekar (C.R. No. 51)
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