

**IN THE SPECIAL COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF PMLA CASES/  
(SPECIAL COURT (SPE/CBI)-I), ERNAKULAM.**

**Present: Smt. Mini S Das, Judge for PMLA Cases**

Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2023/ 11<sup>th</sup> Bhadra, 1945

**Crl.M.P. No.69/2023**

**In**

**SC No.533/2018**

**Petitioner/Accused No.15**

Jose Charles Martin, aged 34 years, S/o. S. Martin,  
No. 135/1, Thiruvalluvar Street, G.N. Mill Post,  
Vellakinaru Pirivu, Coimbatore – 641 029.

**By Adv. Sri. Mathews K Uthuppachan**

**Respondent/Complainant**

: Directorate of Enforcement.

**Represented by Govindu.P. Renuka Devi  
Special Public Prosecutor (PMLA) for  
Enforcement Directorate.**

This Criminal M.P coming on for hearing before me on 01.09.2023 and the Court on 02.09.2023 passed the following:

**ORDER**

1. This is an application filed by Accused No.15 Sri. Jose Charles Martin seeking return of passport and permit to travel UK & France.

2. The offences alleged against the petitioner are punishable u/s.4 r/w Sections 70 and 8(5) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. The petitioner/accused No.15 is on bail as per order in Crl.M.P.35/2022 dated 01.10.2022 and this court directed the petitioner to surrender his passport and

not leave India without permission of this court. The petitioner/accused No.15 surrendered his passport on 26.07.2023 as a condition precedent for his release.

3. According to the petitioner, he intend to go to Birmingham, UK during the period from 11.09.2023 to 18.09.2023 in order to visit and attend business meeting with a software development company and thereafter he also intend to attend another business meeting with a french enterprise and to visit their institution from 01.10.2023 to 15.10.2023. True copies of the invitation letters and email communications of Gochi Groups Ltd, Birmingham and Sustainable Development Management Institute, France sent to the petitioner are attached with this petition as Annexures A, B, C and D respectively.

4. No written objection filed by the prosecution. The learned Special Public Prosecutor raised formal objection in allowing the application.

5. Heard both sides.

6. The petitioner is on bail. The passport is surrendered in compliance of the condition imposed while granting bail and the security amount deposited by him is still in court deposit. On earlier occasions, he had complied all the conditions and on his return from abroad surrendered his passport before this court. Considering the said aspect, I am of the view that permission can be granted to the petitioner/Accused No.15 to travel to UK to visit the inviting company to attend business discussions during the period from 11.09.2023 to 18.09.2023 as requested. His request to visit France to attend another business meeting thereafter, can not be considered at present.

**In the result,** the petition is partly allowed as follows:-

1. The petitioner/Accused No.15 is permitted to take back his passport to travel UK, to visit the inviting company for the period from 11.09.2023 to 18.09.2023.
2. Before the release of passport the petitioner shall deposit ₹50,000/- as security before this court.
3. The petitioner shall furnish a copy of the visa, air tickets and other travel documents and furnish details regarding his place of stay and contact number during his stay in UK along with his affidavit in that regard.
4. The petitioner/Accused No.15 shall appear and resubmit his passport in this court on or before 25.09.2023.
5. If the petitioner fails to comply with any of the conditions stipulated above, the security amount will stand forfeited and his bail bond will stand cancelled without any further orders.

Dictated to the Confidential Asst., transcribed and typewritten by her, corrected and pronounced by me in open court on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2023.

Sd/-  
Mini S Das  
Judge, Spl. Court for PMLA Cases

**Appendix:Nil**

Id/-  
Judge, Spl. Court for PMLA Cases  
(By Order)

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