

**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

Tuesday the 17th day of October, 2023/25th Aswina, 1945

Crl. M.P 96/2023

in

SC No.533/2018

Petitioner/Accused No.8

P John Britto, Aged 57 Years,
S/o. Philip, Thiruvalluvar Nagar,
Sivananthapuram,
Sathyamangalam Main Road,
Coimbatore-35

**By Advs. Sri. Mathews K Uthuppachan and
Thomas Abraham**

Respondent/Complainant

: Deputy Director, Directorate of Enforcement,
Cochin Zonal Office, Kanoos Castle,
A.K Sheshadri Road, Mullassery Canal Road West,
Cochin – 682011, Kerala

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

This Criminal M.P coming on for hearing before me on 16.10.2023 and the Court on 17.10.2023 passed the following:-

ORDER

1. This is an application filed by accused No.8 Sri. P. John Britto seeking permission to release passport and travel abroad.

2. The offences alleged against the petitioner are punishable under section 4 r/w sections 70 and 8(5) of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act,

2002.

3. The Petitioner/Accused No.8 alleges that he intends to visit Malaysia to attend the wedding and following reception of his cousin's daughter scheduled to be held on 21.10.2023 and 28.10.2023 respectively. A true copy of the wedding invitation is attached along with this petition as Annexure A. Therefore, the petitioner seeks permission to release his passport for travel to Malaysia from 19.10.2023 to 29.10.2023.

4. The petitioner/accused No.8 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 to leave India without permission of this court.

5. Heard both sides.

6. The Investigating officer filed report mainly contending that if the petitioner is permitted to travel abroad conditions are to be imposed to secure the presence of accused.

7. Considering the report filed by the investigating officer, I am of the view that the petition can be allowed by imposing conditions.

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

1. The petitioner/Accused No.8 is permitted to travel Malaysia, to attend the wedding ceremonies of his cousin's daughter, for the period from 19.10.2023 to 29.10.2023.
2. Before the release of passport the petitioner shall deposit ₹2,00,000/- as security amount before this court.
3. The petitioner shall not use the passport for any purpose other than

the one for which permission is given and the petitioner shall not involve any other transactions with any persons during his visit. The petitioner is directed to file affidavit to that effect.

3. The petitioner shall produce copy of air tickets with specific E-ticket number and furnish details regarding his place of stay and contact number during his stay in Malaysia along with his affidavit in that regard. The passport shall be released only on satisfying the above conditions.
4. The petitioner shall produce the visa details for verification before this court before leaving India.
5. The petitioner/Accused No.8 shall appear and resubmit his passport in this court on or before 04.11.2023.
6. 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 17th day of October, 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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