

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

**Present: Sri.Anil.K. Bhaskar, Judge for PMLA Cases**

Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022 /28<sup>th</sup> Karthika, 1944.

**Crl. M. P. No.55/2022**

**In**

**S.C No.533/2018**

**Petitioner/Accused No.18**

J. Geetha, aged about 51 years,  
W/o. N. Jayamurugan, Old No.47, New No.99,  
Canal Bank Road, CIT Nagar, Chennai – 600035.

**By Adv. John Prakash Bavakkat**

**Respondent/Complainant**

: The 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 19.11.2022 and the Court on the same day passed the following:

**ORDER**

This application is filed on behalf of Accused No.18 seeking permission to go abroad during the period from 22.11.2022 to 26.11.2022 and for that purpose to release her passport which is now in the custody of this court.

2. Notice served to the prosecution. Learned prosecutor opposed the application pointing out that, the purpose of the visit has not been disclosed in detail

and there is chance that, the petitioner will misuse the permission and stay back in Thailand which will adversely affect the further investigation that is going on and also the trial and disposal of this case.

3. Heard both sides.

4. On 01.10.2022, petitioner(A18) appeared before this court and she was released on bail imposing conditions to the effect that she shall not exit India without the prior permission of this court and further to surrender her passport before this court within ten days.

5. She had complied the said direction and the passport surrendered by her is now in the custody of this court.

6. Now comes the present application seeking permission to visit Thailand due to unavoidable business engagements for a period of five days. It is submitted that, she is a Director, SNJ Sugars Pvt Ltd, SNJ Breweries Pvt Ltd and SNJ Distillers Pvt Limited, 72, Greams Road, Thousand Light, Chennai.

7. It is to be made clear that, relaxation of the bail conditions shall be an exception rather than a rule. A liberal approach in this regard will lead to its misuse. We cannot completely rule out the possibility that the accused will misuse the permission and will abscond. Petitioner herein is a business women. Business compulsions will sometimes make it necessary to carry out visits abroad. There is nothing to doubt the bonafides of the petitioner in moving the present application, even though as rightly pointed out by the learned prosecutor, the petitioner had not explained in detail her business compulsions, which she ought to have mentioned

in the petition. Any way affidavit filed by the petitioner disclose all the details of her itinerary.

8. The apprehension of the prosecution is that the petitioner will misuse the permission and will abscond. It appears to me that a further condition apart from the conditions imposed in the original bail order, directing the petitioner to deposit an amount of ₹2,00,000/- making it clear that if the petitioner fails to return back to India on or before 26.11.2022 the said amount will be forfeited to the Government. Such a condition will be sufficient to ensure that she will not abscond. Needless to say that any violation in this regard will also result in the cancellation of the original bail bond and the consequence will follow.

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

- a) The petitioner is given permission to leave the country to travel to Thailand during the period starting from 22.11.2022 and ending on 26.11.2022 for her business purpose.
- b) To that extend bail conditions stand relaxed.
- c) That the petitioner shall deposit before this court ₹2,00,000/- as security amount.
- d) Upon the deposit of the said amount, petitioner is entitled to get back her passport which is now kept in court custody.
- e) The petitioner shall appear and surrender her passport before this court on 03.12.2022.
- f) Thereafter she is entitled to apply for the release of the security amount deposited before the court.

- g) If the petitioner fails to appear and surrender her passport before the court on 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2022, the security amount deposited by him will stand forfeited and her bail bond cancelled and she will be liable for all the consequences that follow.

Dictated to the Confidential Asst., typewritten by her directly to computer system, corrected and pronounced by me in open court on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

Sd/-  
Anil K Bhaskar  
Judge, Spl. Court for PMLA Cases

**Appendix:Nil**

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

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