

IN THE SPECIAL COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF NIA CASES, ERNAKULAM

Present: Sri. P.K. Mohandas, Judge for NIA Cases

Monday the 30th day of September, 2024/8th Aswina, 1946

Crl.M.P. No.329/2024 In SC No.02/2021/NIA

Petitioner/Accused No. 3 : Rajan.C.G @ Rajan Chittilappally @ Rafi **(A3)**,
age 59 years, S/o. Gangadharan, Nambiyathu
House, Chittilapilly, Peramangalam, Thrissur,
Kerala.
(UT 02, HSP, Viyyur).

By Adv. Sri. Thushar Nirmal Sarathy

Respondent/Complainant : Union of India represented by National
Investigation Agency, Kochi.

By Sri. Arjun Ambalappatta
(Senior Public Prosecutor, NIA) and
Sri. Sreenath.S (Public Prosecutor, NIA).

This Criminal M.P coming on for hearing before me on 30.09.2024 and the Court on the same day passed the following:

ORDER

This is an application filed by the 3rd accused in the case seeking permission to appear as a party in person to contest the case.

2. According to the petitioner, he has been undergoing detention in connection with the above case since December 2020. He informed the court that his advocate, Sri.Thushar Nirmal Sarathi, was busy with other cases, which caused the withdrawal of the vakalathnama signed by him. As there is no advocate currently representing him, the petitioner seeks permission from the court to appear as a party in person to contest the case at the time of scheduling

the trial.

3. Heard the Special Public Prosecutor and the counsel for the petitioner.

4. The petitioner has the right to appear as a party in person to defend his case. He also has a right to have legal assistance free of cost. When the petitioner was produced online, I explained him about his right to have legal aid and that free legal aid can be provided through the Defense Lawyers appointed by the District Legal Services Authority. He submitted that he does not want the assistance of a lawyer and he wants to defend the case himself, Considering the request of the petitioner, I am of the view that the petitioner can be permitted to represent himself to contest the case.

Hence, the petition is allowed. The petitioner is permitted to contest the case by self. Communicate copy of the order to the petitioner

Dictated to the Confidential Asst., transcribed and typewritten by her, corrected and pronounced by me in open court on this the 30th day of September, 2024.

Sd/-
P. K. Mohandas
Judge, Special Court for NIA Cases

Appendix: Nil

Id/-
Judge, Special Court for NIA Cases
(By Order)

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