

THE SPECIAL COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF NIA CASES, ERNAKULAM

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

Wednesday the 17th day of September, 2025 /26th Bhadra, 1947.

Crl.M.P. No.392/2025 in SC No.02/2023/NIA

Petitioner/Approver : Aboobacker Sidik @ Sidik Thottinkara (A57),
aged 38 years, S/o. Abdu, Ponnathukuzhy
House, Thottinkara, Muthuthala,
Kodumanda, Pattambi, Palakkad, Pin - 679
303, now residing at 3/223, Mehafil
Apartment, Akkat Lane, Aluva.

By Adv. Sri. Sathish.V.T.

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

**Represented by Sri. Ajith Kumar.S
(Special Public Prosecutor, NIA) and
Sri. Sreenath.S.
(Public Prosecutor, NIA).**

This petition is coming on for hearing before me on 17.09.2025 and the
Court on the same day passed the following:

ORDER

This petition is filed for seeking release of his passport and permission
to travel abroad.

2. According to the petitioner, he was granted permission to renew
his passport vide order in Crl.M.P. 157/2025, along with permission to go
abroad, on the condition that the renewed passport be surrendered within two
weeks. The court also directed that whenever he wants to travel abroad for

business purposes, he should obtain prior permission from this court. In compliance with the order, the petitioner surrendered his passport and properly complied all those conditions.

3. The petitioner wants to travel abroad for his export sales meetings and his travel plan from 29th October 2025 to 20th June 2026, to visit different places are shown in the petition. In order to travel abroad, the petitioner has to obtain his passport for submitting visa application and processing, which requires a minimum of 20 days. Hence the petitioner wants to get his passport released and seeks permission to travel abroad for business purpose.

4. I have heard the counsel for the petitioner and the Senior Public Prosecutor. The investigating officer filed an objection opposing the petition.

5. The learned Public Prosecutor submitted that the presence of the petitioner is essential during the trial, as he is one of the approver witnesses in this case. If the petitioner is allowed to go abroad, he may not be available in India during the trial. Further, there is an imminent threat to his life, as the accused are involved in offences under various sections of the IPC and Chapter IV of the UA(P) Act. As some of the accused are highly influential and absconding in the Middle East, where the petitioner intends to travel, the security agencies will not be able to protect him abroad.

6. The petitioner is an approver in the case. He is on bail for the last

about 2 years. He has been complying the conditions imposed while granting bail throughout. The case is not ripe for trial since there is a stay order from the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The petitioner wants to go abroad as part of his employment. This petition is filed seeking permission to go abroad for business purpose and to release the passport for visa processing. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any condition that may be imposed by the court and he is ready to appear before the court. On hearing the counsel for the petitioner and the Public Prosecutor and on going through the facts of the case, I am of the view that the petition can be allowed on condition.

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

1. The petitioner is permitted to go to various places on the respective dates shown in the table below, for his business purposes.
2. The passport of the petitioner will be released to him in advance so as to apply and obtain travel visa from the authorities.
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 sort of activity or transactions with any person/company which may adversely affect the present case during his visit.
4. The petitioner shall intimate his address and contact details at abroad to the investigating officer in advance.

5. The petitioner shall report before the investigating officer within 7 days of completion of his each journey to abroad.
6. The petitioner shall appear and resubmit his passport in this court within 15 days of the completion of his journeys.

Travel itinerary of the petitioner

Sl. No.	From	To	Destination
1.	29-10-2025	14-11-2025	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
2.	01-12-2025	20-12-2025	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
3.	01-01-2026	23-01-2026	Fujairah, United Arab Emirates
4.	02-02-2026	20-02-2026	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
5.	01-03-2026	21-03-2026	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
6.	05-04-2026	22-04-2026	Sohar, Oman
7.	04-05-2026	15-05-2026	Doha, Qatar
8.	01-06-2026	20-06-2026	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Dictated to the Confidential Asst., transcribed and typewritten by her, corrected and pronounced by me in open court on this the 17th day of September, 2025.

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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