

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

Present:- Shri. N. Seshadrinathan, Judge, Special Court for NIA Cases.

Friday, the 18th day of October, 2024 / 26th Aswina, 1946

Crl.M.P No. 163/2024

in

S.C No. 04/2021/NIA

Petitioner / 3rd Party:-

John Paul, S/o Mani
No.32, MGR Nagar,
Mudichathamman, Kovil Street,
Senneerkuppam, Poonamallee,
Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu – 600056.

By Adv. Sri. Ajeesh M Ummer

Respondent / Complainant :-

Union of India,
represented by National Investigation Agency, Kochi

By Smt. Sindhu Ravishankar, Special Public Prosecutor, NIA.

This petition is filed by the petitioner for interim custody of documents seized from him.

This petition having been heard on 18/10/2024 and the Court on the same day passed the following:-

ORDER

Petition to grant interim custody of the documents seized from the petitioner, during the course of investigation. The documents are Lease Deeds five in numbers.

Learned Prosecutor filed objection and opposed the petition tooth and nail and contended that these documents are essential at the time of trial and if released, the petitioner may destroy the same and in such an event, the case of

the Prosecution will be hampered.

Heard both sides. The petitioner sought only interim custody of the five Lease Agreements that were seized from his custody. This court find no impediment in allowing this petition. At the same time, safe guards can be made to protect the anxiety of the Prosecution.

Considering the entire inputs, the petition is allowed on the following conditions. Release the lease agreements to the petitioner, that were seized from him, after substituting the same. That apart, the petitioner shall produce the original documents at the time of trial without raising any objection whatsoever. The Petitioner shall file an affidavit of undertaking to this effect.

Pronounced by me in open court on this the 18th day of October, 2024.

Sd/-
N. Seshadrinathan
Judge for NIA Cases

Appendix : NIL

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Judge for NIA Cases

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