

**IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SESSIONS JUDGE,  
(SPE/CBI)-III, ERNAKULAM**

Present :-

**SRI. SABARINATHAN. P, SPECIAL JUDGE.**

Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026/ 07<sup>th</sup> Magha, 1947.

**Crl. M.P No.03/2026**

**in**

**C.C. No. 04/2017**

**Petitioner/Accused No.4** : Thomas Mathew, S/o. Joseph Mathew,  
aged 43 years, 102, Kings Apartments,  
Juhu Tara Road, Juhu, Mumbai-49.

**Represented By** : Adv. M.A. Mohammed Siraj,  
Harikrishnan.S and Cyaric Tom.

**Respondent/Complainant** : Central Bureau of Investigation,  
represented by its Senior Prosecutor,  
CBI-III Court, Ernakulam.

**Represented by** : Sri. M. Navas, Senior Public Prosecutor.

This petition came up for hearing on 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 in the presence of Counsel appearing for the petitioner/accused No.4 and Senior Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent/complainant, having stood over for consideration on the same day the Court passed the following:

**ORDER**

Application filed by the 4<sup>th</sup> accused seeking permission to go abroad.

2. According to the petitioner, he is charged by the CBI for the offence punishable u/ss. 13(2) r/w. 13(1)(d) of PC Act, 120-B and 420 IPC and 24 of the Emigration Act. He was granted bail by this Court. As per the condition in the bail order, the petitioner has surrendered his passport in SC 1533/2023. The validity of the passport of the petitioner has been renewed after getting permission of this Court. Now the petitioner intends to travel from Mumbai to Moscow via Abudabi on 08.2.2026 and will return to Mumbai on 06.03.2026 from Soudi Arabia. Hence he prays permission of this Court to travel abroad for the said period. He has filed separate petition in SC 1533/2023 for release of his passport for the very same purpose.

3. Notice in this application has been given to the CBI, through the Senior Public Prosecutor and no objection has been filed on their behalf.

4. Both sides were heard and perused the available records.

5. Now the point that arises for consideration is as follows :-

Whether there is sufficient ground to allow the petitioner to go abroad ?

6. **The Point:-** The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that permitting the petitioner to go abroad is very essential and the same will not affect the interest of the prosecution. He has produced the copy of onward flight journey ticket. Hence he prays to allow the application. The learned Prosecutor has raised only a formal objection.

7. I have considered the submissions made by either side and I am satisfied that the petitioner can be permitted to go abroad, i.e. Moscow and Abudabi for a period from 08.02.2026 to 06.03.2026. Point answered accordingly.

In the result, petition is allowed and the petitioner is permitted to go abroad, i.e. Moscow and Abudabi for a period from 08.02.2026 to 06.03.2026 and orders for release of the passport of the petitioner is yet to be ordered SC 1533/2023.

Dictated to the Confidential Assistant, transcribed and prepared by her in computer, corrected by me and pronounced in open Court on this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

Sd/-  
**Sabarinathan. P**  
**Special Judge, (SPE/CBI) – III**  
**Ernakulam**

**Appendix:** Nil.

Sd/-  
**Special Judge, (SPE/CBI) – III**

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