

**IN THE COURT OF THE SPECIAL JUDGE, (SPE/CBI)-III,
ERNAKULAM
(Special court for trial of the offence under the PML Act, 2002)**

Present :-

SRI.SABARINATHAN.P, SPECIAL JUDGE.

Saturday the 05th day of October, 2024/13th Aswina, 1946.

Crl. M.P. No. 620/2024

in

S.C.3/2023

Petitioner /Accused No.6 : Shri Pushkar Bhasin, aged 37/2022,
S/o.Bharat Basin, Flat No.7044, Tower No.7,
Prestige Apartments, Marine Drive, Cochin.

Represented By : Advs. Lakshmi Sreedhar, Ummul Fida,
Lakshmi P.Nair, Namitha K.M,
Harsh K Sharma.

Respondent/Complainant: Director of Enforcement, Government
of India, represented by its Assistant
Director, Cochin Zonal Office, Kanoos
Castle, A.K. Sheshadri Road
(Mullassery Canal Road West), Cochin
– 682001.

Represented By : Adv. M. J. Santhosh,
Special Public Prosecutor.

This petition coming on for hearing on 05th day of October, 2024 in the presence of Counsel on both sides and having stood over for consideration on the same day the Court passed the following:

ORDER

Application filed by the 6th accused seeking return of his passport and for permission to travel abroad.

2. Petitioner is the accused No.6 in the above case. The case is registered u/s.3 punishable u/s. 4 of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, (PMLA) 2002. The petitioner surrendered his passport in compliance of bail condition in CrI. M.P.28/2024 dated 05.01.2024. Earlier, passport of the petitioner was released to him for a period from 13.05.2024 to 21.05.2024 to travel to South Korea, as per order in Criminal M.P. 248/2024 dated 03.04.2024. After performing the journey, he surrendered his passport on 07.06.2024. Now the petitioner along with his family members intend to travel to Bangkok for a period from 21.10.2024 to 28.10.2024 and for the said purpose, he prays to release his passport and also to permit him to travel abroad for the said period, by relaxing the bail condition.

3. Notice in this application has been given to the complainant through the Special Prosecutor, the Special Prosecutor has filed a formal counter opposing the application, I heard both sides and perused the records.

4. Now the point that arises for consideration is, whether there is sufficient ground to allow the petition?

5. **The point:-** The petitioner is seeking return of his passport for enabling him to travel abroad for a period from 21.10.2024 to 28.10.2024.

He intends to travel Bangkok along with his family members. This is a case of 2023, the charges against the accused are yet to be framed and as such, the trial of the case has not started so far. I am satisfied that release of the passport to the petitioner and permitting him to go abroad for a period from 21.10.2024 to 28.10.2024 will not adversely affect the interest of the prosecution. Hence I am inclined to allow this application. Point answered accordingly.

In the result, petition allowed subject to following conditions:-

- a) Petitioner shall execute a bond for ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) with two solvent sureties;
- b) The petitioner is permitted to obtain and retain his passport for a period for the purpose of travel to Bangkok for a period from 21.10.2024 to 28.10.2024;
- c) He shall surrender his passport on or before 06.11.2024.

Dictated to the Confidential Assistant, transcribed and typed by her, corrected by me and pronounced in open Court on this the 5th day of October, 2024.

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

Appendix: Nil.

Sd/-
Special Judge, (SPE/CBI) – III

Order in Crl.M.P 620/22024
in S.C(PMLA) 3/23
Dated 05.10.2024