

**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.

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

Crl. M.P. No. 527/2025

in

S.C (PMLA) 3/2023

Petitioner /Accused No.6 : Shri Pushkar Bhasin, aged 40 years,
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 17th day of September, 2025 in the presence of Counsel on both sides, having stood over for consideration and the Court on the same day 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 Crl. M.P.28/2024 dated 05.01.2024. Earlier, the 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. Again the passport of the petitioner was released in his favour as per order in Criminal M.P. 620/2024 dated 05.10.2024 and the petitioner was permitted to travel abroad, i.e. Bangkok for a period from 21.10.2024 to 28.10.2024 and after performing the journey, he surrendered his passport on 06.11.2024. Later the petitioner has filed Crl. M.P. 170/2025 for return of passport to travel abroad, i.e. Tokyo via Singapore for a period from 30.04.2025 to 13.05.2025, this Court has allowed the said application on 11.03.2025 with conditions and the passport of the petitioner was ordered to be released in his favour. However, the petitioner has not complied the conditions and obtained

release of the passport, as he could not undertake the said travel due to certain health related issues. Now he again intends to travel abroad, i.e., Bangkok along with his family members for a period from 30.09.2025 to 07.10.2025. According to the petitioner, he is a businessman engaged in construction business at Kolkata and he has to undertake frequent travel abroad at short notice. He is finding it difficult to approach this Hon'ble Court on each and every occasion for getting release of the passport. Hence, he prays to release his passport for a period of one year and also to permit him to travel abroad for a period from 30.09.2025 to 07.10.2025, by relaxing the bail condition.

3. Notice in this application has been given to the complainant through the Special Prosecutor and the Special Prosecutor has filed 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 a period of one year for enabling him to travel abroad frequently and also seeking permission to travel abroad for a period from 30.09.2025 to 07.10.2025. 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 for a period of six months w.e.f from today (17.09.2025) and permitting him to go abroad for a period from 30.09.2025 to 07.10.2025 will not adversely affect the interest of the prosecution. Hence I am inclined to allow this application in part. Point answered accordingly.

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

- a) Petitioner shall execute a bond for ₹1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) with two solvent sureties, each for the like sum;
- b) The petitioner is permitted to obtain and retain his passport for a period of six months w.e.f from today (17.09.2025) and he is permitted to travel to Bangkok for a period from 30.09.2025 to 07.10.2025;
- c) He shall surrender his passport on or before 17.03.2026.

Dictated to the Confidential Assistant, transcribed and prepared by her in computer, corrected by me and pronounced in open Court on this the 17th day of September, 2025.

Sd/-
Sabarinathan.P
Special Judge

Appendix: Nil.

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Dated 17.09.2025