

**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.

Thursday the 14th day of May, 2026/24th Vaisakha, 1948.

Crl. M.P. No. 8/2026

in

S.C (PMLA) 3/2023

Petitioner/Accused No.6 : Shri Pushkar Bhasin, aged 41 years,
S/o.Bharat Basin, Flat No.7044,
Tower No.7, Prestige Apartments,
Marine Drive, Cochin.

Represented By : Adv. Lakshmi Sreedhar.

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 came up for hearing on 14th day of May, 2026 in the presence of Counsel appearing for the petitioner/accused No.6 and the Special Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent/complainant, having stood over for consideration and the Court on the same day passed the following:-

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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 passport of the petitioner was ordered to be released in his favour as per order in Criminal M.P. 170/2025 dated 11.03.2025 and the petitioner was permitted to travel abroad i.e. Tokyo via Singapore for a period from 30.04.2025 to 13.05.2025, but he has not complied the conditions. Again the passport of the petitioner was released in his favour for a period of 6 months, as per

order in Criminal M.P. 527/2025 dated 17.09.2025 and the petitioner was permitted to travel abroad, i.e. Bangkok for a period from 30.09.2025 to 07.10.2025 and he surrendered his passport on 10.03.2026. Now he again intends to travel abroad i.e., Bangkok for a period from 06.06.2026 to 12.06.2026 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 06.06.2026 to 12.06.2026. He intends to travel Bangkok. This is a case of 2023, the charge against the accused is 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 06.06.2026 to

12.06.2026 will not adversely affect the interest of the prosecution. Hence I am inclined to allow this application. Point answered accordingly.

In the result, petition is 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 the purpose of travel to Bangkok for a period from 06.06.2026 to 12.06.2026;
- c) He shall surrender his passport on or before 20.06.2026.

Dictated to the Confidential Assistant, transcribed and prepared by her in computer, corrected by me and pronounced in open Court on this the 14th day of May, 2026.

Sd/-
Sabarinathan.P
Special Judge

Appendix: Nil.

Sd/-
Special Judge

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