

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

Present :-

**SRI.SHIBU THOMAS, SPECIAL JUDGE.**

Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024/24<sup>th</sup> Phalguna, 1945.

**Crl. M.P. No.227/2024 in Crl.MP No. 180/2024**

**in**

**SC PMLA No. 4/2023**

**Petitioner/Accused No.49** : Salini Satheesh, aged 43 years,  
W/o.Satheesh, Kuzhuppullikattil House,  
Edathirinji, Irinjalakuda, Thrissur-  
680122, Now residing at UAE,  
Room No.3, Flat No. 207, Karama Shaik  
Colony, Near Karama Center, Dubai

**Represented By** : Advs. C.Harikumar, Sandra Sunny,  
Arunkumar.M.A and Farah Jyothi  
Pradeep.

**Respondent/Complainant** : Assistant Director, Directorate of  
Enforcement, Government of India,  
Cochin Zonal Office, Kanoos Castle,  
A.K. Seshadri Road, (Mullassery  
Canal Road West, Cochin -682011.

**Represented By** : Adv.M.J. Santhosh  
Spl. Public Prosecutor,  
Directorate of Enforcement.

This petition coming on for hearing on 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024 in the presence of Counsel on both sides having stood over for consideration till the day the Court passed the following:-

### **ORDER**

Petition filed by 49<sup>th</sup> accused for releasing her passport and also seeking permission to go abroad.

2. The case of the prosecution is that petitioner is the 49<sup>th</sup> accused in the above said case registered u/s. 3 r/w. 4 of PMLA. She was granted bail by this Court on 13.02.2024 and in compliance of the condition in the bail order, she surrendered her passport. Furthermore, the petitioner was working in Dubai for several years. Now, the petitioner intends to travel to UAE for a maximum period of one year and the petitioner has a residence permit issued by UAE valid till 23.05.2025. Hence this petition for releasing her passport and to go to UAE.

3. The learned Public Prosecutor submitted that the allegation against the petitioner is very serious and she was the Director Board Member of Karuvannur Service Co-operative Bank Ltd for the period 2011 to 2016 and she knowingly assisted accused Nos. 1 to 32 in process or activity connected with proceeds of crime including in its acquisition, possession and concealment. However, with respect to this petition, he did not raise any objection except the objection that the period in which the petitioner is

intending to leave India and the petitioner shall not be allowed to go abroad without specifying the country wherein she intends to visit.

4. Heard both sides.

5. The point for consideration is, whether there is sufficient ground to release passport and allowing the petitioner to go abroad?

6. **The Point:-** The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that she has not committed any offence. The allegation against the petitioner is false. The case is posted for hearing on charge. Investigation of the predicate offences in this case is not completed so far. Therefore, naturally there will be delay for commencing the trial in the very near future. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner wants to go to UAE by 20.03.2024 since the petitioner has a valid residence permit till 23.05.2025. True copy of the visa issued by UAE dated 24.05.2023 is produced herewith. Such a fact is not seriously challenged by the learned Prosecutor. The objection of the learned Prosecutor is mainly regarding the absence of period and details of stay abroad in the petition. In this case, the petitioner filed affidavit stating the proposed date of her travel, period of stay abroad, detailed address of the petitioner at UAE with her phone number. As already stated, the case is at its pre-charge stage and investigation of the predicate offence is not even completed so far. In such circumstances, it

can be reasonably assumed that, there will be delay of commencing the trial in the near future. Furthermore, violation of any of the conditions in the bail order is reported so far. Hence petition is allowed.

In the result, petition is allowed. Petitioner's passport is released for one year and petitioner is allowed to go abroad with following conditions:-

1. Petitioner shall execute a bond for Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) with two solvent sureties each for the like sum.

2. Petitioner shall appear before this Court as and when required by this Court.

3. Petitioner shall file an affidavit stating that she will not visit any country other than UAE.

4. Petitioner shall furnish her contact address, e-mail address and telephone number in abroad to the investigating officer.

5. Petitioner is directed to appear in person and produce her original passport on or before 14.03.2025.

Dictated to the Confidential Assistant, transcribed and typed by her, corrected by me and pronounced in open Court on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

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

**Appendix**:- Nil.

Id/-  
**Special Judge, (SPE/CBI)-III.**

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