

**IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SESSIONS
JUDGE, (SPE/CBI)-III, ERNAKULAM
(SPECIAL COURT FOR TRIAL OF CASES UNDER THE PML ACT)**

Present :-

SRI.SABARINATHAN. P, SPECIAL JUDGE.

Tuesday the 08th day of April, 2025/18th Chaithra, 1947.

Crl. M.P No. 278/2025

in

S.C. (PMLA) 01/2023

Petitioner /Accused No.7: Santhosh Eapen, aged 51 years,
S/o. C.C.Eapen, Cheruvathoor House,
Thalakkodu.P.O, Chottanikkara,
Ernakulam-686693.

Represented By : Advs. M.A. Muhammed Siraj,
Harikrishnan Sreekumar, Cyriac Tom,
Naveen. A. Varkey and Rizlana Nazar.

Respondent/Complainant: The Assistant Director, Directorate of
Enforcement, Cochin Zonal Office,
Kanoos Castle, A.K. Sheshadri Road
(Mullassery Canal Road West),
Cochin – 682011.

Represented By : Govindu P. Renuka Devi,
Special Public Prosecutor.

This petition is coming on for hearing on 08th day of April, 2025 in the presence of Counsel on both sides and having stood over for consideration on same day the Court passed the following:

ORDER

Application is one to delete/modify bail condition No. 2 ordered, as per order in Crl. M.C. 1/2023 dated 27.03.2023.

2. Petitioner is the accused No.7 in the above case, who is alleged to have committed the offence u/s. 3 and punishable u/s. 4 of PMLA. As per the bail condition No.2, it is ordered by this Court that the petitioner shall not leave the State of Kerala without prior permission of this Court. According to the petitioner, he is a business man, having place of business all over India and as such, in connection with his business, he has to travel across India. He has earlier filed three applications as Crl. M.P. 862/2023, 236/2024 and 631/2024 to lift the said condition and this Court, as per order dated 02.10.2023, 02.04.2024 and 09.10.2024 has suspended the operation of condition No. 2 for a period of six months each. Now the period of suspension is to expire by 09.04.2025. Hence he again prays to lift the condition No. 2.

3. Notice in this application has been given to the learned Special Public Prosecutor in charge of this case and the respondent has filed counter opposing the application.

4. Both sides were heard and perused the records.

5. As stated earlier, the condition No. 2 in the bail order referred to earlier was suspended for a period of six months each, as per order in Crl. M.P. Nos.862/2023, 236/2024 and 631/2024. This is a complaint of the year 2023, the appearance of the 4th accused, who is reported abroad,

is awaited and the trial of the case is yet to be started after completing the appearance of the parties. I am satisfied that, pending trial of this case, permission can be granted to the petitioner to leave Kerala for a period of one year in connection with his business, as and when required and that will serve the purpose of this petition. Hence I am not inclined to delete the condition No. 2 in the bail order, but the said condition is suspended for a period of one year w.e.f 09.04.2025.

In the result, petition is allowed and the petitioner is permitted to go outside Kerala for a period of one year w.e.f 09.04.2025 and as such the condition No.2 in the bail order is suspended for the said period. The petitioner shall inform the details of his travel outside Kerala to the investigating officer well in advance.

Dictated to the Confidential Assistant, typed by her in computer, corrected by me and pronounced in open Court on this the 8th day of April, 2025.

Sd/-
Sabarinathan. P
Special Judge

Appendix: Nil.

Sd/-
Special Judge

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Dated 08.04.2025

