

Special Case No.04/16
Reg No.02/22

Order No. 247
Order dated 07.09.22

A4 Sri Prateek Bhalotia is present by filing hazira along with his Id. advocate.

Today is fixed for hearing the petition for foreign visit by the petitioner Prateek Bhalotia .

Ld. PP for CBI is present.

The record is taken up for hearing.

Accused/petitioner has prayed for visiting abroad for the purpose of business and tourism from 18th September, 2022 to 11th October, 2022. In para 3, he has mentioned the name of the countries, proposed to be visited are Germany, France, Croatia, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia. In support of his foreign visit he has annexed itinerary which shows that tickets from Kolkata to Doha, Doha to Berlin, Paris to Doha, Doha to Kolkata. But there is no any copy of tickets or itinerary regarding the visit of Croatia, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia.

Ld. PP has raised strong objection that there is a chance of absconding.

At this stage, Ld. Lawyer for petitioner/accused submits that he will file the tickets and itinerary in course of the day.

Subsequently, he has filed a photocopy of tickets from Kolkata to Phuket and other documents are filed .

Having heard both sides and having perused the case record, it appears that this petitioner has prayed for seeking permission to visit abroad from 18.09.22 to 11.10.22. The next date for this case record for hearing on the point of compliance the provision 207 CrPC is fixed on 11.11.22. Charge has not yet been framed. There is no immediate chance of commencing trial.

Apart from it, this accused person previously on many occasions has been permitted to visit abroad.

Considering all this aspect including the stage of this case record and conduct of the accused/petitioner, I find no reason to apprehend the absconding of the petitioner.

As such, the prayer for foreign visit as sought for stands allowed.

Accordingly the accused/petitioner is directed that before leaving country he has to furnish the roaming mobile number to be used in abroad to the I.O of this case, so that I.O can keep contact with him if necessary during his visit in abroad.

He is further directed to submit a report to the court for his arrival after completion of his foreign visit .

To-date (11.11.22) for further order.

Let all the documents be kept with the record.

Let a copy of the order sheet be given to the prosecution and accused/petitioner

Sd-

Judge, 3rd Special
(CBI Designated) Court,
Bankshall Court, Calcutta
Chowdhury Hefazat Karim (WB00575)