

Order No.204

Order dated 15.03.24

Today is fixed for hearing petitions dated 11.03.24 for permission of accused petitioner Prateek Bhalotia (A4) to travel abroad at Poland and Russia via stay at Turkey in between period 22.03.24 to 18.04.24 for the purpose of business trip and the accused petitioner Jaspal Singh Chandok (A5) to travel abroad at Argentina, Kazakhstan, UK, Riyadh, Turkey, Istanbul and Dubai for business purpose in between 09.04.24 to 09.06.24.

Accused petitioner Prateek Bhalotia (A4) is present by filing hazira and other accused petitioner Jaspal Singh Chandok (A5) is absent by petition u/s 317 CrPC.

Ld. Advocates for the petitioners and Ld. PP for the CBI are very much present.

Ld. Advocate for the accused petitioner Prateek Bhalotia (A4) submits this accused petitioner on and from 2019 till 25.01.23 for several occasions visited abroad with permission of Ld. Court.

Ld. Advocates for the petitioner Prateek Bhalotia (A4) and Jaspal Singh Chandok (A5) further submit petitioners abide all norms during their visit at abroad.

Ld. Advocates for the petitioners also further submits accused petitioners shall appear on 11.06.24 before court physically after returning from Poland and Russia via stay at Turkey and Argentina, Kazakhstan, UK, Riyadh, Turkey, Istanbul and Dubai and Ld. Advocates submit trial of this case shall not hamper as because charge of this case has not yet been framed.

Ld. Advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that accused Jaspal Singh Chandok (A-5) wants to go to travel abroad at Argentina, Kazakhstan, UK, Riyadh, Turkey, Istanbul and Dubai for business purpose and intends to leave on 09.04.24 and to return India on 09.06.24

Ld. Advocates also submit that prior to this occasion the accused persons have been given permission for travel abroad and in support of their contention and submitted itinerary for consideration of his prayer.

Ld. PP for CBI puts verbal objection without written objection and submits that these petitioners oftenly visit abroad and charge of this case not yet fixed. There is every chance abscond from trial if prayer for foreing visit is allowed.

Heard both sides.

It appears from record that copies not yet supplied from the side of prosecution to accused persons. Firstly, copies should be supplied to accused persons before framing charge thereafter record be taken for framing charge.

It appears from record that these two petitioners on several occasions with permission of this court to visit abroad and return.

So I think petitioners should be permitted to visit abroad to the aforesaid countries on the following conditions:-

a) Petitioners shall furnish a bond of Rs.5,00,000/- (five lakhs) each to the satisfaction of this court with undertaking that the petitioners shall act in terms of the order and return to Kolkata.

b) The petitioners shall furnish roaming mobile number to the I.O and also furnish details of their visit to abroad.

c) The petitioners shall affirm an affidavit before this court regarding the above.

Petitioners must be present before court in person after returning broad on 11.06.24 at sharp 10:30 AM failing which petitioners shall liable for non-compliance of order.

Thus the petitions are disposed off on contest.

Let a copy of this order be supplied to the Ld. PP for CBI for information in this matter.

To 11.06.24 for appearance of Jaspal Singh Chandok (A5) and Prateek Bhalotia (A4).

Prosecution is directed to supply copy of Ld. Lawyer of accused persons on 19.04.24 for the purpose of fixing date of hearing on the point of charge very short date after 19.04.24.

Sd/-

Judge, 3rd Special
(CBI Designated) Court,
Bankshall Court, Calcutta