

Special Case No- 04/16
Reg No.02/22
CNR No. WBCS01 000002-2022

Order No.238
Order dated 04.06.25

Petition filed on behalf of accused Prateek Bhalotia is taken up for hearing. Accused Prateek Bhalotia (A4) is present by filing hazira. Ld advocate for the accused person is present. Ld. PP for CBI is present. No reply petition has been submitted by Ld. PP for CBI. Ld. PP for CBI, however, vehemently raised objection and submits that this accused person filed the petition for permission to leave the country only few days ago. But the investigating officer is now busy and hence, written objection could not be submitted within time. It is further submitted that this is a case under the provision of Prevention of Corruption Act and the accused person is named in FIR and in case, his frequent visit is allowed by this court, he will set up parallel residence in foreign country and may not return. It is further submitted that the petitioner has intended to visit some countries with whom, there is no extradition treaty and it will be difficult for the investigating agency to bring back him. Accordingly, Ld.PP for CBI prayed for rejection of the petition filed by the accused Prateek Bhalotia.

Heard both sides.

It appears from the instant application that the petitioner intends to visit United Kingdom, Belgium and France from 06.06.25 to 18.06.25 for tourism purposes.

From the case record, it appears that the accused left India several occasions with the permission of the court and returned from foreign countries on the date fixed and conduct of the accused nullifies the apprehension of Ld. PP for CBI.

As next date for filing objection by the CBI and hearing the petition and appearance of all the accused persons is fixed on 05.07.25, the accused Prateek Bhalotia may be allowed to remain abroad till 18.06.25.

Accordingly, physical presence of the accused on the date fixed is necessary. Therefore, the accused Prateek Bhalotia may be allowed to remain abroad till 18.06.25 and must present in court on 05.07.25.

So this accused person may be permitted to United Kingdom, Belgium and France from 06.06.25 to 18.06.25 for tourism purposes. The accused person namely Prateek Bhalotia is permitted to visit the aforesaid countries **on submitting bond of Rs.10 Lacs with condition that he shall remain present on 05.07.25, that he shall furnish roaming mobile number and details of the visit to different places to the IO. The accused shall affirm an affidavit to that effect before this court.**

The accused person must remain present on 05.07.25 failing which this accused person shall be dealt with for non-compliance of the order in accordance with law.

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

Petition dated 25.04.25 for foreign visit filed by accused No.4 Prateek Bhalotia is allowed on contest with the observation made above.

To 05.07.25 for appearance of this accused person.

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

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Later:-

One personal bond of Rs.10,00,000/- (ten lacs) and affidavit are furnished by the petitioner/accused Prateek Bhalotia (A4) which are found fit and accepted and he must remain present on 05.07.25.

Sd/-
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