

**IN THE COURT OF ALKA MALIK
SPECIAL JUDGE, CBI COURT,
CHANDIGARH
UID NO.HR0089**

CNR NO.CHCH010034132022

CIS No.PC 9 of 2022

IA No.13 dated 13.02.2025

Date of Order : 02.05.2025

Central Bureau of Investigation

Versus

Ashok Goyal etc.

....Accused

FIR No.: RCCHG2018A0017

Dated : 14.08.2018

U.Section : 7 (A) of Prevention of Corruption
Act, 1988

Police Station : CBI, ACB, Chandigarh

Argued by : Sh. Siddharth Pandit, counsel for applicant/accused Sat Dev Jindal.

Sh. Narender Singh, Public Prosecutor for respondent/CBI.

ORDER :

This is to dispose of an application seeking permission to visit Europe (Greece), Turkey, UAE and Ajarbaijan from 01.06.2025 to 30.06.2025 moved on behalf of the applicant Sat Dev Jindal.

2. It has been interalia claimed on behalf of applicant/accused that he has to visit aforesaid countries for attending/conducting Shrimad Bhagwat Katha and for vacations with family. He was earlier granted

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permission by this court vide order dated 22.08.2024. The applicant is having a valid passport, copy of which is annexed. He undertakes to abide by all the terms and conditions. He shall not cause any delay in the proceedings of the case on account of his travelling abroad.

3. CBI has resisted the application claiming that accused is involved in a serious offence and the circumstances mentioned in the application to visit abroad are not emergent in nature. The instant application is an attempt to flee from the country, so as to evade the trial in this court.

4. Arguments have been advanced by Sh. Siddharth Pandit, learned counsel for the applicant and Sh. Narender Singh, learned Public Prosecutor for the respondent/CBI.

5. Perusal of the record reveal that there is nothing brought on record by the CBI to establish that the applicant has ever tried to hamper the trial by absconding. Therefore, in the given circumstances, there is nothing on record to decline the request of the applicant. Whereas, on the other hand, this court can fairly infer that refusing such request to travel abroad to the applicant would amount to curtailing her rights. Hon'ble the Supreme Court of India in **Satish Chandra Verma vs. Union of India, 2019 (2) S.C.T., 741**, has held as under :

“The right to travel abroad is an important basis human right for it nourishes independent and self determining creative character of the individual, not only by extending his freedoms of action,

but also by extending the scope of his experience. The right also extends to private life, marriage, family and friendship are humanities, which can be rarely affected through refusal of freedom to go abroad and clearly shows that this freedom is a genuine human right.”

6. In view of the ratio of law laid down by Hon’ble the Apex Court as well as the facts and circumstances of the case in hand, this court is inclined to grant the request of the applicant.

7. Consequently, the instant application is hereby allowed. Applicant is permitted to travel as detailed above. However, he shall abide by following conditions :

(i) That the applicant/accused shall furnish his present and permanent address, mobile number, e-mail address to the Investigating Officer. In case of any change thereof he shall inform the Investigating Officer forthwith.

(ii) That the applicant/accused shall keep his mobile phone on ON MODE in all circumstances and all days and shall also call the Investigating Office apprising him of his whereabouts, if asked.

(iii) That the applicant/accused shall furnish all necessary and minute details along with his itinerary to the Investigating Officer qua his stay in Europe (Greece), Turkey, UAE and Ajarbaijan.

(iv) That the applicant/accused shall not seek extension of the period of his stay abroad at any ground whatsoever, except in case of medical emergency and **shall return to India and report to the court in person on next working day of this court, along with his passport, after his every visit.**

(v) That the applicant/accused shall not visit any other country except Europe (Greece), Turkey, UAE and Ajarbaijan.

(vi) That the applicant/accused shall furnish **indemnity bond to the tune of Rupees Fifty Lacs** before this court/duty court, and the said amount shall be forfeited in case there is any violation of conditions on the part of the applicant/accused.

(vii) That the applicant/accused shall also deposit an **FDR to the tune of Rupees Fifteen lacs** in his own name before this court, which he shall not be able to encash without permission of this Court and the said amount shall be forfeited in case there is any violation of conditions on the part of the applicant/accused.

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