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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 5328/2023

ANIKET BAKSHI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Giriraj Subramaniam, Mr.  
Akhilesh Talluri, Mr. Joy Banerjee  
and Ms. Veda Singh, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Arti Bansal, SPC with Mr. Kamal  
Digpaul, Advocates for R-1, 3 & 4.  
Mr. Induraj Singh Rai, SSC, Mr.  
Sanjeev Menon, JSC, Mr. Rahul  
Singh, JSC and Mr. Anmol Jagga,  
Advocate for Revenue.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA**

**ORDER**

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**16.12.2024**

**CM APPL. 73589/2024 (seeking permission to travel abroad from 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 to 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2025)**

1. The instant application seeks permission to travel to Hong Kong, London, Paris, Rome, Atlanta, New York and Dubai with a detailed itinerary specified in paragraph No. 12 of the application. The Petitioner intends to leave the country on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 and return on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2025.
2. This Court has previously permitted the Petitioner to travel abroad on several occasions, details whereof have been mentioned in paragraph No. 7



of the application. This permission has been granted subject to furnishing details of the travel along with an undertaking that upon their return to India, they will intimate the concerned authorities of their return.

3. Counsel for Petitioner submits that the Petitioner intends to undertake travels to have business meetings with his clients. The Petitioner's clientele consists of foreign entities and therefore, the Petitioner has to travel to source new contacts and to renew the existing contacts in order to sustain business.

4. Considering the fact that the Court has on the earlier occasions, granted the Petitioner the permission to travel abroad and he has duly complied with the same and returned to the country, substantially mitigates flight risk.

5. Considering the above, the application is allowed with the following directions:

i) The Petitioner or his family member(s) shall furnish a fixed deposit receipt for a sum of INR 5 Crores in favour of the Registrar General of this Court, if not already done;

ii) In terms of the statement made before the Income Tax Department as recorded on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021, no third party interest shall be created in the assets and the shares as also the rights in the immovable property in the name of the Petitioner, in India or abroad including in London, shall not be transferred or alienated;

iii) The Petitioner shall furnish a detailed affidavit before the Registrar General disclosing his detailed itinerary, including his stay at various stations abroad, telephone numbers and residential/hotel addresses. The Petitioner shall also file an undertaking that he shall adhere to the itinerary



mentioned in the affidavit and not visit any other stations;

iv) Petitioner shall also provide contact numbers where he shall be available during his stay abroad and at least one of the said contact numbers shall be kept operational at all times, subject to all fair exceptions, including the period he is on board the aircraft;

v) The Petitioner shall intimate the Income Tax Department, before leaving and within 72 hours of his return from abroad;

vi) The Petitioner shall file a self-attested copy of his passport along with a copy of his visa with the Income Tax Department on his return to India;

6. The permission to travel abroad given in this order shall be subject to all other applicable conditions and shall not be deemed as a direction to any other authority. In case any of the afore-noted conditions are violated, the security shall be forfeited.

7. With the above directions, the application is disposed of.

8. List before the Registrar General on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.

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9. Counsel for Respondents No. 1, 3 & 4 is directed to take instructions in case the Income Tax Department would be agreeable for the instant petition to be disposed of in line with the decisions rendered in W.P.(C) 14592/2022, W.P.(C) 14771/2022 and W.P.(C) 14976/2022.

10. List on the date already fixed i.e., on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

**SANJEEV NARULA, J**

**DECEMBER 16, 2024/as**