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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 2199/2021**

P.S. GAHLAUT

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Alok Kumar, Mr. Kunal Arora,
Mr. Ashutosh Lohia, Ms. Payal Sethi,
and Mr. Tarun Kumar, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Ripu Daman Bhardwaj, CGSC
with Mr. Jagdish Singh, SO Vigilance
for EOI.

Mr. Atul Gulreia, SPP with Mr.
Aryan Rakesh and Mr. Prashant
Upadhayay, Advocates for CBI.
Mr. Manish Jain, Advocate for ED.

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+ **W.P.(CRL) 2200/2021**

DR. U. S. AWASTHI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Dayan Krishnan and Mr. Sudhir
Nandrajog, Senior Advocates with
Mr. Alok Kumar, Mr. Kunal Arora,
Mr. Ashutosh Lohia, Ms. Payal Sethi,
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CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GIRISH KATHPALIA

ORDER

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07.08.2025

CRL.M.A. 9971/2023 (early hearing) in W.P.(CRL) 2199/2021



CRL.M.A. 9970/2023 (early hearing) in W.P.(CRL) 2200/2021

1. These applications are already infructuous, so stand disposed of.

CRL.M.A. 16457/2023 (suspension of LoC and allow the petitioner to travel abroad) in W.P.(CRL) 2199/2021

2. The application has already been disposed of vide order dated 03.07.2023, so stands disposed of as infructuous.

CRL.M.A. 14867/2025 (suspension of LoC and Blue Notice /allow travel to Saudi Arabia) in W.P.(CRL) 2199/2021

3. The application has already been disposed of vide order dated 09.07.2025, so stands disposed of as infructuous.

CRL.M.A. 18984/2021 (rectification of order dated 10.11.2021) in W.P.(CRL) 2200/2021

4. Application stands disposed of as infructuous.

CRL.M.A. 14866/2025 (seeking suspension of LoC , Blue Notice and to allow the petitioner to travel abroad) in W.P.(CRL) 2200/2021

5. The application has already been disposed of vide order dated 29.05.2025, so stand disposed of as infructuous.

CRL.M.A. 16446/2025 (seeking suspension of LoC, Blue Notice and to allow the petitioner to travel abroad) in W.P.(CRL) 2200/2021

6. In view of order dated 29.05.2025, the application stands disposed of being infructuous.

CRL.M.A. 20993/2025 (suspension of LoC and Blue Notice /allow travel to Amman, Jordan) in W.P.(CRL) 2199/2021 & CRL.M.A. 20857/2025 (suspension of loc and blue notice) in W.P.(CRL) 2200/2021

7. In furtherance of last order, status reports/replies were filed on behalf



of Union of India and Directorate of Enforcement. As regards CBI no reply/status report was filed but learned counsel for CBI submits that earlier filed reply be treated as reply to the present application. I have heard both learned senior counsel for petitioners/applicants as well as learned counsel for Union of India, DoE and CBI. There is no serious objection to these applications in view of previous record.

8. By way of these applications the petitioners/applicants once again seek suspension of Look out Circular (LoC)/Blue Notice so that they may travel to Amman, Jordan from 10.08.2025 to 15.08.2025 as part of official delegation. Learned senior counsel for petitioners/applicants also request extension of this indulgence till 16.08.2025 in order to meet any eventuality of delay or cancellation of flight. Earlier also, similar relief was granted to the petitioners/applicants by different benches including this bench, therefore, verification of sureties is sought to be dispensed with on account of shortage of time left for departure of the petitioners/applicants. Learned senior counsel for petitioners/applicants request that FDR of Rs.50,00,000/-, deposited earlier and verified by Joint Registrar may be accepted if the present application is allowed.

9. On behalf of respondents/non applicants, the only apprehension is that the petitioners may flee the country. But this apprehension does not convince in view of the fact that earlier also the petitioners were repeatedly allowed to travel abroad and they never misused the liberty.

10. As reflected from record, investigation in the offence under Section PML Act is pending against the petitioners since the year 2021 and till date neither of them has been arrested and they are being only treated as suspects and they are regularly joining investigation as and when directed. According



to the record, on as many as 18 occasions, the petitioners were granted similar permissions and they returned within time after travel.

11. Considering the overall circumstances, these applications are allowed and petitioners are permitted to travel to Amman, Jordan from 10.08.2025 to 15.08.2025 (*extendable to 16.08.2025 only in case of above mentioned exigencies*) subject to the condition that during the said period they shall not visit any other destination and after return to India, they shall furnish copies of their passports to the concerned officials of respondents no.2 and 3; and during the entire travel period, they shall keep their mobile phones switched on and remain available to be contacted. The FDR of Rs.50,00,000/- deposited by the petitioners shall be retained on the record.

12. Copy of this order be sent by the respondents to the National Crime Bureau to be conveyed to Interpol authorities of Jordan as regards the permission to travel granted by this court to the petitioners so as to ensure that their travel to Jordan is not obstructed by the Blue Notice.

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13. List for arguments on 03.11.2025.

GIRISH KATHPALIA, J

AUGUST 7, 2025/ry