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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ CRL.A. 1736/2014
SANJEEV SOODAppellant

Through: Mr. H.S. Bhullar, and Ms. Ekta
Gandhi, Advocates.

versus

STATE & ANRRespondents

Through: Ms. Manjeet Arya, APP for the State.
Mr. Sanjay Mann, Advocate for
respondent /SEBI.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI

% **ORDER**
20.02.2025

By way of order dated 16.01.2025, CRL.M.A. No. 1161/2025 was erroneously disposed-of as an exemption application. It is noticed however that CRL.M.A. No. 1161/2025 seeks permission to travel abroad.

2. Accordingly, CRL.M.A. No. 1161/2025 is restored to its original position and number.

CRL.M.A. 1161/2025

3. By way of the present application filed under section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, the applicant seeks permission to travel to Bangkok, Thailand and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 27.02.2025 to 08.03.2025 on business.



4. Notice on this application was issued on 16.01.2025. Ms. Manjeet Arya, learned APP has handed-up a copy of the Status Report dated 17.02.2025.
5. The status report narrates that the documents relating to the invitation received by the appellant to attend the Malaysia International Furniture Fair and Thailand THAIFEX HORECA exhibition have been verified. It therefore stands verified that the appellant would be visiting Bangkok (Thailand) from 27.02.2025 to 28.02.2025 and Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) from 01.03.2025 to 03.03.2025 and then again return to Bangkok (Thailand) from 04.03.2025 to 08.03.3025. The appellant's travel itinerary has also been verified.
6. Status Report dated 17.02.2025 is taken on record.
7. The appellant's sentence was suspended *vide* order dated 19.12.2014, and one of the conditions imposed was that he will surrender his passport to the Registrar General of this court and will not travel abroad without prior permission of this court.
8. The record shows that the appellant has been granted permission to travel abroad on various occasions *vide* orders 02.03.2016, 01.03.2017, 15.11.2018, 18.02.2019 and 12.02.2024 and there is no allegation that he misused that liberty or that he failed to comply with any condition imposed by the order suspending his sentence. The appellant's passport is presently lying deposited with the Registrar General of this court.
9. In the circumstances, learned counsel appearing for respondent No.2/Securities and Exchange Board of India as well as the learned



APP appearing for the State leave it to the court to pass appropriate orders.

10. Considering the circumstances of the case, in particular the fact that the appellant's invitation to travel abroad as well as travel itinerary has been verified and the appellant has also been granted similar permission to travel abroad on several occasions earlier, the present application is allowed, thereby permitting the appellant to travel to Bangkok, Thailand and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as per the itinerary appended to the application, subject however to the following conditions :
 - 10.1. The appellant shall furnish a personal bond in the sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rs. One Lac Only) with 01 surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Registrar (Appellate) of this court;
 - 10.2. The appellant shall furnish to the investigating officer a cell-phone number on which the appellant may be contacted at any time and shall keep that cell-phone number operational at all times;
 - 10.3. The petitioner shall inform the investigating officer in writing of his return, within 03 days of his return to India; and
 - 10.4. The petitioner is not permitted to visit any city/country other than Bangkok, Thailand and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
11. The Registrar General is directed to release to the appellant his passport lying deposited in that office. The petitioner shall re-deposit the passport upon his return.
12. The application is disposed-of in the above terms.



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13. Let the appeal remain on the Regular Board, to be taken-up in due course, at its turn.

ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J

FEBRUARY 20, 2025

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