

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. OF 2025  
(@SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION(CRIMINAL)NO.784/2025)

SANKEERTH MAMUNI VAIKKATH

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

The FIR in question was registered on 17.10.2021 when the appellant was stopped from boarding the flight to Canada on the ground that the visa on the basis of which he was travelling was forged. The appellant, Sankeerth Mamuni Vaikkath, allegedly procured the visa from one Rajesh, to whom he had paid a sum of ₹4,00,000/- (Rupees four lakhs). It appears that the said Rajesh was also arrested and was thereafter released on bail.

The appellant, Sankeerth Mamuni Vaikkath, who has been facing prosecution and is regularly appearing in the Court for about last four years, had earlier filed an application before the High Court, which was disposed of *vide* order dated 03.05.2024, recording the statement on behalf of the State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, that every endeavour would be made to conclude the investigation as the Ministry of External Affairs has requested the Canadian

Embassy to ascertain the authenticity of the visa in question.

Nothing has happened since then and even after this Court issued notice in this case *vide* order dated 20.01.2025. We are, therefore, not inclined to grant more time to the respondent. Accordingly, the investigations/proceedings against the appellant arising out of FIR No. 286 of 2021 dated 17.10.2021, registered under Sections 420,468,471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 12 of the Passports Act, 1967, shall be treated as quashed.

We, however, make it clear that this order does not examine whether prosecution against Rajesh should continue or not.

The impugned judgment is set aside and the appeal is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....,CJI.  
(SANJIV KHANNA)

.....,J.  
(SANJAY KUMAR)

NEW DELHI;  
17TH FEBRUARY, 2025.

ITEM NO.31

COURT NO.1

SECTION II-C

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 784/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 11-11-2024 in CRLMC No. 8592/2024 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi]

SANKEERTH MAMUNI VAIKKATH

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI

RESPONDENT(S)

Date : 17-02-2025 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

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Mr. Navin Kumar, Adv.  
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Mr. Sarthak Karol, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel, the Court made the following  
O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(VARSHA MENDIRATTA)  
COURT MASTER (SH)

(R.S. NARAYANAN)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)