

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-4045-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-**31.05.2023**

PAUL KALECHI UKWESIKE

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

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Present:- Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Hakam Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. N.K. Vadehra, Advocate for
Mr. Arvind Seth, Advocate
for respondent No.4-UOI.

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KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

1. On the last date of hearing counsel for the petitioner namely **Paul Kelechi Ukwusike** (Paul Kalechi Ukwesike), while referring to Emergency Travel Certificate (Annexure P-6) had submitted that the same was issued by Nigerian Embassy in favour of the petitioner to enable him to travel back to Nigeria. He also brought to the notice of the Court, copy of air travel ticket of Ethiopian Airline, issued in the name of petitioner (Annexure P-7), as per which, the petitioner is to fly from Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi to Lagos on 14.6.2023.

2. Today, counsel for respondent No.4-UOI apprised the Court that Emergency Travel Certificate (Annexure P-6) has been verified and the same is found to be issued by Nigerian Embassy.
3. The counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was acquitted by the trial Court in criminal case having FIR No.205 dated 16.9.2017 registered under Sections 21/29 of NDPS Act and FIR No.208 dated 18.9.2017 registered under Sections 21 of NDPS Act both at Police Station Sadar, Amritsar but despite this the petitioner is lodged in Central Jail, Amritsar. It is further submitted that jail authorities be directed to release the petitioner, so that he be able to board his flight to Nigeria from New Delhi on 14.6.2023.
4. In the light of the above, as the Nigerian Embassy has already issued Emergency Certificate to enable the petitioner to travel back to Nigeria and the air ticket of the petitioner is booked for 14.6.2023, the concerned jail authorities are directed to release the petitioner at 2 pm on 12.6.2023, so that he be enable to reach New Delhi in time to board his flight on 14.6.2023 at 2 am. A copy of this order be sent to the concerned jail authorities of Central Jail, Amritsar for strict compliance.
5. The petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

31.05.2023
Gaurav Sorot

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned / speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes / No
Yes / No