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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 1722 OF 2024
IN
APPEAL NO. 216 OF 2015**

Ravi Shrichand Punjabi	...Applicant
Versus	
State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

Mr Sohail Ahmed, with Umar Dalvii, for the Applicant.
Mr Balraj B Kulkarni, APP for the Respondent-State.
Mr Dhotre, PSI, Anti Extortion Cell, Crime Branch, Mumbai,
present.

CORAM : N. R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 9th MAY 2024.

PC:-

1. Mentioned out of turn.
2. The applicant, who is appellant in Criminal Appeal No. 216 of 2015 has filed this application seeking permission to travel abroad. The applicant has filed the said appeal against the judgment and order dated 3rd February 2015 in MCOC Special Case No. 12 of 2010. By the said judgment and order the trial court convicted the applicant for the offence punishable under Section 387 read with 120(B) of the Indian Penal Code and sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for five years. He is further convicted for the offence punishable under Sections 3(2) and 3(4) of Maharashtra Control of

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Organised Crime Act and sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for 10 years.

3. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that the daughter of the applicant got admission in the college in Dubai. It is submitted that the applicant needs to accompany her to find out accommodation for her. The applicant in support of his application has annexed admission letter of his daughter.

4. The learned counsel for the applicant further submits that the applicant has already suffered more than six and half years of punishment. It is submitted that the applicant has various immovable properties here in India and therefore he is not likely to abscond. The applicant has placed on record documents to that effect.

5. The learned APP for the respondent-State submits that the applicant has been convicted for serious offence under the provisions of MCOC Act. The applicant is a member of organized crime syndicate. It is further submitted that there is no extradition treaty with Dubai. It is accordingly submitted that the permission may not be granted.

6. The applicant has already suffered the punishment of six and half years. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has granted him

bail in the year 2017 and even permitted him to renew his passport. After 2017, the applicant is not shown to be involved in any other crime. Considering the overall facts and circumstances, I am inclined to grant permission on certain conditions.

7. In the result, the following order is passed.

ORDER

(A) Permission as sought is granted for the period from 20th May 2024 to 10th June 2024.

(B) The Applicant shall submit the itinerary to the Anti Extortion Cell, Mumbai within one week from today.

(C) The Applicant shall deposit an amount of Rs.10 lakhs in this Court within one week.

(D) The trial court shall return the passport to the applicant and applicant shall redeposit it with trial court on returning back to India.

11. The application is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)