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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.4633 OF 2023
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.80 OF 2020**

AKSHAY RANGRAO PATIL

..APPLICANT

VS.

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

..RESPONDENT

Adv. Swati Khot for the applicant.
Mr. S. H. Yadav, APP for the State.

CORAM : M. S. KARNIK, J.

DATE : JANUARY 5, 2024

P.C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicant and learned APP for the State.
2. This is an application made by the applicant for permission to travel abroad for a period of 19 months commencing from January 2024 upto July 2025.
3. As per the condition of the bail order dated 04.08.2021 passed by this Court, the applicant was directed to attend the trial Court once in six months.
4. I have gone through the averments made in the application and documents which have been enclosed.

The applicant has passed his law exam in the year 2023. He achieved first rank amongst other students of his college with A+ grade. The applicant had applied for LLM course in Bournemouth University, UK and on 01.12.2023 he received confirmation letter to pursue LLM International Commercial Law Programme from Bournemouth University, UK starting on 22.01.2024. It is submitted by learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant's career will be hampered if he is not permitted to travel abroad as the educational tour to UK is a significant step towards achieving his academic and professional goals.

5. Learned APP opposed the application contending that the applicant has been asked to mark his presence once in six months before the trial Court.

6. There is nothing on record to indicate that the applicant has misused his liberty while on bail. The applicant is a citizen of India and learned counsel for the applicant on instructions makes a statement that the applicant is not intending to apply for any citizenship of foreign country. It is submitted on instructions that the

purpose of travel is only for education and nothing else. In my opinion the application can be allowed on certain conditions. The applicant is allowed to travel abroad for the period commencing from January 2024 to July 2025. The applicant shall produce the travel itinerary and all other details of his residence and contact details while staying abroad to this Court as well as the trial Court. So far as the condition of marking presence before the trial Court is concerned, the applicant is permitted to mark his presence through video conferencing facility during this period. From August 2025 onwards, on his return, the applicant shall abide by the condition of marking his presence personally before the trial Court once in six months. He shall intimate the trial Court of his returning back in August 2025.

7. Interim Application is allowed and disposed of in the above terms.

(M. S. KARNIK, J.)