

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.1538 OF 2024

IN

WRIT PETITION NO.2029 OF 2024

Lalit J. Dharmani	]	.. Applicant-Petitioner
Vs.		
1. Union of India,	]	
Through the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi	]	
2. Central Bureau of Investigation,	]	
Government of India, Mumbai.	]	
3. MD & CEO of Bank of Baroda,	]	
Bandra (East), Mumbai.	]	
4. State of Maharashtra	]	
Through Office of Government Pleader	]	.. Respondents

Mr. Anand Pai with Mr. Vinay Nair, i/by Mr. Arun Panickar, Advocates for the Applicant-Original Petitioner.

Mrs. Savita Ganoo with Mr. D.P. Singh, Advocates for Respondent No.1-UOI.

Mr. Kuldeep Patil, Advocate for Respondent No.2-CBI.

Mr. Darshit Rupda, Advocate, i/by MDP & Partners, for Respondent No.3.

Smt. Jaymala Ostwal, Additional Government Pleader for Respondent No.4-State of Maharashtra.

**CORAM : A.S. CHANDURKAR &
RAJESH S. PATIL, JJ**

DATE : 13TH JUNE, 2024.

PC. :

1. Heard.

2. The learned counsel for the applicant-original petitioner has tendered a draft amendment seeking (i) change in the date “30th June 2024” to “4th July 2024” mentioned in paragraph (1) and prayer clause (a) of the Interim Application and (ii) the communication dated 11th June 2024 has not been annexed.

3. In view of the aforesaid, the amendment is allowed. The same be carried out forthwith.

4. By this application, the applicant-petitioner seeks leave to travel to London for the period between 14th June 2024 to 4th July 2024 without regard to the Look Out Circular issued by respondent no.2 at the behest of respondent no.3. It is submitted that on an earlier occasion, this Court by the order dated 13th June 2023 had granted similar permission by imposing conditions indicated in paragraph 4 of that order. It is thus prayed that similar relief be granted for the period from 14th June 2024 to 4th July 2024.

5. The learned counsel appearing for respondent no.2 has invited attention to the First Information Report with regard to an offence pending before the C.B.I. Court. However, on a query made to the learned counsel as to whether the applicant-petitioner had breached any conditions imposed in the earlier order, he submits that there is no grievance in that regard.

6. Considering the aforesaid, we are inclined to permit the applicant-petitioner to travel to London in terms of prayer clause (a) of the Interim Application on similar conditions as imposed by the order dated 13th June 2023. The Interim Application is allowed in terms of prayer clause (a), subject to the following conditions :-

- (i) The petitioner to file an undertaking that he would return to India at the end of this period. The affidavit be filed prior to leaving the country.

- (ii) The petitioner to file a detailed itinerary with his contact details and addresses overseas.
- (iii) The petitioner must file an undertaking (if not already done) not to apply for renewal or extension of this order until he returns to this country.

7. Subject to the aforesaid, the Look Out Circular against the applicant-petitioner shall not operate till 5th July 2024.

8. The immigration authorities at all ports of departure including all airports will permit the petitioner passage and permit the petitioner to take his flights out of the country irrespective of whether the Bank of Baroda have notified them or not and irrespective of whether this suspension is noted in the immigration authorities' systems or not.

9. The immigration authorities will not ask for a certified copy of this order but will act on presentation of an authenticated or digitally signed copy of this order.

10. The Interim Application is disposed of.

[RAJESH S. PATIL, J.]

[A.S. CHANDURKAR, J.]