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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-63644-2025

Ashok Solomon

....Petitioner

versus

Assistant Director, Directorate of Enforcement

....Respondent

Date of decision: December 09, 2025
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CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present:- Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate and
Mr. Tarun Hooda, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Lokesh Narang, Senior Panel Counsel
for the respondent-ED.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (ORAL)

The substantive prayer made in the present petition reads thus:

“It is, therefore, respectfully prayed that present petition may kindly be allowed and the passport of the petitioner which has been deposited before the learned trial court be released, so as to enable him to get it renewed and then travel abroad and attend an event in Dubai and London, in the interest of justice.”

2. Learned counsel for the respondent-ED has filed reply dated 26.11.2025 on behalf of the respondent, in the Court today, which is taken on record. A copy thereof has been furnished to learned counsel for the petitioner.
3. It is not in dispute before this Court that the petitioner has not approached the concerned trial Court, in the first instance, seeking

permission for release of his passport, renewal thereof as also for permission to travel abroad. During course of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner, when posed with this question, has fairly submitted that he may be allowed to withdraw the petition in hand with liberty to approach the concerned trial Court for the said relief(s), in the first instance.

4. Learned counsel for the respondent-ED has expressed no objection to the same.
5. Having heard learned counsel for the rival parties and upon perusal of the record, the present petition is disposed of reserving liberty in favour of the petitioner to approach the concerned trial Court, in the first instance, in respect of prayer(s) made herein.
6. Ordered accordingly.
7. In case, any such application(s) is filed, the same shall be considered and ratiocinated decision thereupon shall be taken by the concerned trial Court, latest, within a period of 10 days from the date of filing of said application(s).
8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stands disposed off.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

December 09, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No