

2026:PHHC:068371



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M-19899-2026
Date of decision :04.05.2026**

ASHOK SOLOMON

... Petitioner

Versus

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, DIRECTORATE OF ENFORCEMENT

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI

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

Mr. Lokesh Narang, Senior Panel Counsel with
Mr. Rajeev Kumar Bagaria, Advocate
for the respondent.

JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)

The prayer in the present petition under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 is for setting aside the order dated 05.01.2026 (Annexure P-7) passed by the Court of Special Judge, Gurugram whereby the application seeking release of passport of the petitioner which has been deposited by him has been disposed of by directing the release of the passport to the limited extent of renewal only.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that this Court vide order dated 09.12.2025 had directed the petitioner to approach the concerned Trial Court seeking permission to travel abroad. In furtherance of the same, the petitioner approached the Trial Court but instead of granting or refusing permission to travel abroad, the Trial Court permitted the petitioner to seek renewal of the passport. The petitioner has got the same renewed and deposited it back with the Court.

The instant petition has therefore been preferred seeking permission to travel abroad.

3. A counter-affidavit has been filed on behalf of the respondent by the learned counsel for the respondent. The same is taken on record. He admits that as the order of a Coordinate Bench of this Court dated 09.12.2025 has not been complied with in its proper perspective by the Special Judge under the PMLA-cum-Sessions Judge, Gurugram, directions be issued once again to the said Court to consider the application of the petitioner seeking permission to travel abroad after an itinerary in that regard is furnished to the said Court along with a valid Visa, if any.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

5. The present petition is disposed of with the directions to the Trial Court to release the passport of the petitioner enabling him to obtain a Visa in consonance with his travel plans. Once the Visa is obtained and travel itinerary prepared, the petitioner is at liberty to approach the Trial Court once again seeking permission to travel abroad. The said Court shall decide the application within a period of three weeks from the date the application is filed.

6. It is made clear that under no circumstances whatsoever can the petitioner travel abroad without first seeking permission in that regard from the Trial Court.

(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)
JUDGE

04.05.2026
JITESH

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No
Whether reportable:- Yes/No