CBI NO. 92/2024

RC No.: RCBD1/2019/E/0006 Branch CBI/BSFB/NEW DELHI CBI Vs. Moserbaer India Ltd. & Ors.

(IA No. 05/25 Nita Puri Vs. CBI)

File taken up today on an application moved on behalf of the applicant / accused Nita Puri, seeking permission to travel abroad.

18.03.2025 (After Lunch Session)

Present: Sh. V. K. Ojha, Ld. Sr. PP for CBI.

Sh. Rachit Bansal, Ld. Counsel for the applicant / accused Ms. Nita Puri.

- 1. This is an application moved on behalf of applicant Ms. Nita Puri seeking permission to travel abroad from 24.03.2025 to 15.06.2025 to Palo Alto, California, United States of America to attend the graduation ceremony of her grandson, birthday of her granddaughter, medical check-up of her eye and to spend time with her daughter and granddaughters.
- 2. Reply has been filed by the CBI to the above application. Copy supplied.
- 3. Arguments heard at length on the above application.

4. It is stated by the Ld. Counsel that the applicant is travelling abroad for the reasons mentioned in para 6 and she has already travelled abroad on various occasions to meet her daughter and grand daughter, details of which are mentioned in para 9 of the application.

It is further stated that she has always returned back back on time and has deep roots in the society and commands respect in social circle and undertakes that she will not dispute her identity nor will object the conducting of trial in her absence. Therefore, it is stated that permission to travel abroad may kindly be granted to the applicant / accused.

5. Reply has been filed by the CBI, opposing the said application stating that the allegations against the accused are grave and serious in nature. The present applicant / accused along with other accused persons had cheated the Central Bank of India and other public sector banks to the tune of Rs. 2800 Crores by criminal conspiracy, cheating and forgery and it is stated that there is a grave apprehension that if she is permitted to travel abroad, she may not returned back. It is also stated that no ground is made out by the applicant to attend the graduation ceremony of her grandson and birthday of her grand daughter and medical check-up of her eyes. Therefore, it is stated that the application is liable

- 6. I have gone through the rival contentions.
- 7. Though the grounds stated by the accused that she has to attend the graduation ceremony and the medical checkup of her eyes and to attend the birthday of her granddaughter are not supported by any documents, however, be that as it may.

Since the accused has travelled abroad in the past also and always returned back on time and it is not the case of the prosecution that she has ever breached the terms and conditions of the travel order granted in her favour.

- 8. As a consequence, considering the past conduct of the accused and in the interest of justice, the applicant/accused, Ms. Nita Puri is permitted to travel abroad to Palo Alto, California, United States of America (USA) from 24.03.2025 to 15.06.2025, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. That applicant shall furnish security in the form of bank guarantee in the sum of Rs.2 Crores or in the alternative an FDR in the like amount.
 - b. That applicant shall furnish an affidavit in the court disclosing her programme/itinerary including flight numbers

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(to and fro) as also places of her stay at various stations abroad and telephone numbers and addresses of her stay before her departure.

- c. That applicant shall intimate the court 24 hours prior to leaving and within 72 hours of her return from abroad.
- d. That applicant will file complete self attested copy of her passport alongwith copy of VISA in the court on her return from abroad.
- e. The applicant shall neither tamper with the evidence nor try to influence any witness in any manner and will not use the permission granted to her contrary to the rules.
- f. In case of any of the above conditions are violated, the bank guarantee/FDR will be forfeited to the state.
- g. In any eventuality, accused will not request for extension for staying abroad.
- h. This permission shall be subject to other applicable rules and will not be deemed as directions to any other authority except the permission from the side of the court.

i. Her surety/Ld. Counsel will undertake to accept notice(s), if any, on behalf of the accused in her absence.

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- j. Neither she nor her counsel will object to the carrying of the trial/inquiry during the absence of accused.
- 9. The above application stands disposed off accordingly.
- 10. Copy of this order be given dasti to Ld. Counsel for the applicant/accused, as prayed.

(SANJEEV AGGARWAL)
Special Judge (PC Act) (CBI)-10
Rouse Avenue Courts Complex
New Delhi/18.03.2025