Joint Registrar (J) (Budget)

May kindly see the online application of Sri Pradeep Kumar Gupta, District & Sessions Judge, Gonda regarding grant of permission to visit Nepal for darshan of Lord Shiva at Pashupati Nath Temple there from 08.02.2020 to 12.02.2020.

In his application, Sri Gupta has stated that he wants to go to Kathmandu (Nepal) by road for darshan of Lord Shiva at Pashupatinath temple there from 08.02.2020 to 12.02.2020. He has also submitted the following declarations/ information of his Nepal visit:-

- 1. There is no possibility of any dilemma likely to occur before the Government of India or U.P. Govt. due to his Nepal visit.
- 2. No such request ever refused to him.
- 3. He has not visited any foreign country earlier.
- 4. Estimated expenditure of this visit is near about Rs. 20,000/- (Twenty thousand). The source of this expenditure is from his salary saving.

He has, therefore, requested for grant of permission to visit Kathmandu, Nepal from 08.02.2020 to 12.02.2020.

In this connection, it is submitted that as per reports, no departmental/ vigilance enquiry is pending against Sri Pradeep Kumar Gupta. Permission to visit foreign country is considered vide G.O no. 1/3/98/-Ka Prasko./1999 dated 14.06.1999 and this Court's Circular letter no. 16/ IVf-101/Admin (A) dated 27.05.2017. As per the G.O. and relevant C.L. of the Court, the officer has furnished details of his Nepal visit. It is pertinent to mention here that as his visit is from 08.02.2020 to 12.02.2020 i.e. his Nepal visit includes 3 official/working days and its upto the discretion of Hon'ble The Chief Justice and Hon'ble Administrative Judge, Bahraich to grant him permission to visit Nepal from 08.02.2020 to 12.02.2020 seeing the Court's C.L. dated 27.05.2017, approving guidelines that *abroad tour*

by any officer shall not be availed of during working days of the Court or during the period of suspension/departmental proceedings, except in case of medical treatment of himself/herself, spouse or dependent, or in special circumstances and tours which are sponsored and/ or approved by the State/ Central Government during certain fixed span of time and does not fall during vacations. In these eventualities the Judicial Officers shall seek permission before applying for VISA. As the tour of the officer appears to be a personal trip on religious ground which does not require VISA, if His Lordships deem fit and proper, his request may be considered. It is also submitted that vide the aforesaid C.L. date 27.05.2017, it has been settled that for the purpose of grant of such permission the competent authority for the judicial officers is Hon'ble the Administrative Judge of the District concerned, for the Judicial officers posted in judgeship or on the District of any deputation post, subject to approval by Hon'ble the Chief Justice or any member of the Administrative Committee authorised by the Hon'ble the Chief Justice.

Under the facts and circumstances mentioned above, if approved, the instant matter may be laid before Hon'ble Mr. Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya, Administrative Judge, Gonda for His Lordship's kind perusal and if His Lordship approves, Sri Pradeep Kumar Gupta, District & Sessions Judge, Gonda may be granted permission to visit Kathmandu, Nepal for darshan of Lord Shiva at Pashupatinath temple there from 08.02.2020 to 12.02.2020, as requested, subject to the

conditions that he will enter Nepal territory through some custom check-post and get his luggage cleared by Custom Authorities and he will hand over proper charge of Government records or cash, if any, or any Government property with him, before proceeding abroad and also subject to further approval by Hon'ble The Chief Justice, as per requirement of Court's C.L. No.16/ IV f-101/ Admin (A)/ dated 27.05.2017, for which the matter is required to be submitted onwards to Hon'ble The Chief Justice by Hon'ble The Administrative Judge, Gonda?

Archana Awasthi

Review Officer

Mohd. Arshad
Assistant Registrar
16.01.2020.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya, Administrative Judge, Gonda Submitted for kind perusal & orders

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