

### **I/c Joint Registrar (Judicial) (Budget)**

May kindly see the online application of Sri Ratnesh Kumar Srivastava, Special Judge (SC/ST, Prevention of Atrocities Act), Allahabad regarding grant of permission to visit Singapore from 25.12.2022 to 01.01.2023 including winter vacation of 2022; to meet his family friend there.

In his application, Sri Ratnesh Kumar Srivastava has stated that he has obtained Passport after obtaining permission from the Hon'ble Court. He has also stated that his near family friend Sri Rohit Jaiswal s/o Sri Lalbahadur (Retired District Judge) has been residing in Singapore since last many years and he has been continuously inviting him to visit his place in Singapore, therefore he wants to visit Singapore in the winter holidays of 2022. Thereafter through online objection, the officer has been asked to intimate the estimated expenditure and source thereof as well as be asked to submit the remaining declarations as per Hon'ble Court's C.L dated 27.05.2017. In reply, the officer has stated that the estimated expenditure of the visit is Rs 75,000/- and also attached the copy of passbook as attachment; having balance amount of Rs. 2,11,053/-. He has further stated that there is no any possibility of arising any dilemma before Government of India or U.P. due to his foreign visit to Singapore and this is his first foreign visit. He has also added that earlier he has never requested for such permission and the same has not been refused too. Moreover, his foreign visit is also not sponsored. He has also enclosed the copy of passport, which can be seen as attachment. He has, therefore, requested to place his application before the Hon'ble High Court for grant of permission for the aforesaid visit.

In this connection, it is submitted that grant of permission to visit abroad is considered in accordance to the G.O.1/3/98-Ka-Prasko/1999 dated 14 June 1999 and in accordance with Hon'ble High Court's Circular Letter No. 16/ IV-f-101/ Admin (A)/ dated 27.05.2017. As per reports, no vigilance/ departmental enquiry is pending against Sri Ratnesh Kumar Srivastava. As per the point no. (1) of Hon'ble High Court's Circular Letter No. 16/ IV-f-101/ Admin (A)/ dated 27.05.2017, Abroad tour by any officer shall not be availed of during working days of the Hon'ble 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 vacation. In these eventualities the Judicial officers shall seek permission before applying for VISA. In the instant case the officer wants to visit Singapore to meet his near family friend from 25.12.2022 to 01.01.2023 i.e. for 8 days which includes Christmas, winter holidays and Sunday i.e. all non working days, thus his request appears to be considerable. Now its upto the discretion of Hon'ble The Chief Justice and Hon'ble Administrative Judge, Allahabad either to grant him permission to visit Singapore to meet his near family friend from 25.12.2022 to 01.01.2023 or to pass any other order. It is also submitted that in the Hon'ble High Court's Circular Letter dated 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. Vide subsequent order dated 19.10.2020, Hon'ble the Chief Justice has been pleased to nominate Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pritinker Diwaker, to consider request of permission of the Judicial Officers to visit abroad in his place.

May, therefore, if approved, the instant matter may be laid before Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vivek Kumar Birla, Administrative Judge, Allahabad for kind perusal and if His Lordship approves, Sri Ratnesh Kumar Srivastava, Special Judge (SC/ST, Prevention of Atrocities Act), Allahabad may be granted permission to visit Singapore from 25.12.2022 to 01.01.2023 to meet his family friend there, as requested, subject to approval by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pritinker Diwaker, Senior Judge (J-1), as per Hon'ble High Court's Circular Letter No. 16/ IV-f-101/ Admin (A)/ dated 27.05.2017 and order dated 19.10.2020 of Hon'ble the Chief Justice, as mentioned above with the condition that proper charge of Government records or cash, if any, or any government property with him, may be handed over by him before proceeding abroad?

Or

To pass any other order, which His Lordship deems fit and proper.

Archana Awasthi

Review Officer

Mohd. Arshad

Assistant Registrar

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vivek Kumar Birla,**

**Administrative Judge, Allahabad**

Submitted for kind perusal & order

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