Registrar (Judicial) (Budget)

May kindly see the online application of Smt. Indira Singh, Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Deoria regarding grant of permission to visit Switzerland alongwith her parents and husband for a period of ten days during her recess in June 2023.

In her application, Smt. Indira Singh has stated that she intends to visit her brother & his family in Switzerland during her summer recess in the month of June 2023 and her address during her stay with brother would be 15 Ch. Creux du Van, 1470 Estavayer le Lac – Switzerland. Thereafter, through online objection, the officer has been asked as to how she can perform the visit without having passport as through the another case Id., she has applied for 'Identity Certificate' for obtaining/ renewal of passport and also be asked to submit necessary declarations as per Hon'ble Court's C.L. dated 27.05.2017. In reply, the officer has submitted the following information/ clarifications/ declarations:-

- 1. Her parents who are octogenarian and having health issues specially her mother who is heart patient would be going to her brother and stay there for three to four months for which she is trying to adjust her recess period of June to accompany them to ensure that they reach safely and her Judicial work also does not suffer.
- 2. She is planning to expedite her renewal of passport in Tatkal and as soon as she get the identity certificate, she would apply for Visa without loosing time on receiving the permission from the Hon'ble Court.
- 3. There would be no such possibility of arising any dilemma before Govt. of India or U.P. due to her visit to Switzerland.
- 4. No request has ever been refused for visiting abroad.
- 5. She has never visited any foreign country.
- 6. Only travel expenditure would be borne by her out of her saving, which would be less than one lac of rupees for Air Fare both ways i.e. New Delhi-Zurich-New Delhi (copy of air fare and bank statement having balance amount of Rs. 18,42,721/- can be seen as attachment) and the boarding and lodging would be taken care by her real brother Sri Om Prakash Yadav who is Swiss National (copy of invitation letter of her brother can also be seen as attachment) She has, therefore, requested to grant her 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 Smt. Indira Singh. 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. It is also pertinent to mention here that as the officer has also applied for issuance of 'Identity Certificate' from the Hon'ble Court for renewal of passport and the same matter is at the level of Hon'ble Judge, at present, thus, it appears that yet now the officer does not passes the renewed one and the same query has been raised through objection. In reply of that, the officer has stated that she is planning to expedite her renewal of passport in Tatkal and as soon as she get the identity certificate, she would apply for Visa without loosing time on receiving the permission from the Hon'ble Court. Furthermore the officer has also intimated that the duration of her visit would be of ten days i.e. in her recess period of June 2023. Now its upto the discretion of Hon'ble The Chief Justice and Hon'ble Administrative Judge, Deoria either to grant her permission to visit Switzerland in her recess period subject to the issuance of renewed passport 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. Recently, vide order dated 23.04.2023 regarding reconstitution of different Committees, Hon'ble The Chief Justice has been pleased to form a single Hon'ble Judge Committee i.e. Hon'ble Senior Judge (J-1) to deal with the matter of grant of permission to Judicial Officers to visit abroad.

May, therefore, if approved, the instant matter may be laid before Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prakash Padia, Administrative Judge, Deoria for kind perusal and if His Lordship approves, Smt. Indira Singh, Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Deoria may be granted permission to visit Switzerland along with her parents and husband for a period of 10 days i.e. during her recess in June 2023, as requested, subject to issuance of renewed passport & also subject to approval by Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Sunita Agarwal, 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 23.04.2023 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 her, may be handed over by her before proceeding abroad?

Or

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

Archana Awasthi, Review Officer Munmun Narang, Section Officer Meetu Verma, Assistant Registrar Admin A-IV

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prakash Padia,
Administrative Judge, Deoria

Submitted for kind perusal & orders?
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