

Registrar (Judicial) (Budget)

May kindly see the online application of Sushri Umaima Shahnawaz, Civil Judge (Junior Division), Konch-Jalaun at Orai, regarding grant of permission to visit Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah from 26.12.2023 to 11.01.2024.

In her application, Sushri Umaima Shahnawaz has stated that she wishes to visit Saudi Arabia to perform Hajj/ Umrah in the holy cities of Mecca and Madina. Thereafter, through online objection, the officer has been asked to intimate the details/ information as required by Hon'ble Court's C.L. dated 27.05.2017. In reply, the officer has submitted required details/ declarations, which are as follows:-

1. The objective behind visiting the Holy Mosques of Makkah and Madina in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is purely spiritual in nature i.e. for the purpose of performing Umrah and shall in no way create any dilemma either for the Government of India or for the Government of U.P.
2. This is the first time that the request for visiting abroad has been made by her and before this no request of this nature has been made to the Hon'ble court by her.
3. She had earlier visited Saudi Arabia in the year 2011 when the officer was studying in Class XI.
4. The actual date of departure and return from Saudi Arabia would be from 26th December 2023- 11th January 2024 and the number of days to be spent there would be 17 days.
5. The estimated expenditure of the visit would be approximately Rs. 1,07,000 and he would meet out the expenditure from her salary account (copy of passbook can be seen as attachment)
6. The copy of passport can also be seen as attachment.

She, has therefore requested to Hon'ble Court to grant her permission to visit Saudi Arabia in order to perform Umrah there from 26.12.2023 to 11.01.2024.

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 Sushri Umaima Shahnawaz. It is pertinent to mention here that the duration of her visit is from 26.12.2023 to 11.01.2024 i.e. about 17 days, which includes winter holidays and Sunday and about 10 working days of the Hon'ble Court and the officer has stated that her visit is purely spiritual in nature. 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 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 has stated that she wants to visit foreign country (Saudi Arabia) for performing Umrah on the proposed dates i.e. from 26.12.2023 to 11.01.2024. Now its upto the discretion of Hon'ble The Chief Justice and Hon'ble Administrative Judge, Jalaun at Orai either as a special case, to grant her permission to visit Saudi Arabia for performing Umrah there from 26.12.2023 to 11.01.2024 or to pass any other order. In this connection. 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 Dinesh Pathak, Administrative Judge, Jalaun at Orai for kind perusal and if His Lordship approves, Sushri Umaima Shahnawaz, Civil Judge (Junior Division), Konch-Jalaun at Orai may be granted permission, as a special case, to visit Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah there from 26.12.2023 to 11.01.2024, as requested, subject to approval by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Prakash Kesarwani, 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 Lordship deems fit and proper.

Archana Awasthi, Review Officer

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Pathak,

Administrative Judge, Jalaun at Orai

Submitted for kind perusal & orders?

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