

Registrar (Judicial) (Budget)

May kindly see the online application of Sri Ratnesh Kumar Srivastava, Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Prayagraj regarding grant of permission to visit Singapore from 23.12.2023 to 31.12.2023 including winter vacation of 2023; to meet his family friend there.

In his application, Sri Ratnesh Kumar Srivastava has stated that he 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 2023. The officer has also stated that the estimated expenditure of the visit would be in between Rs 1,00,000/-to Rs.1,50,000/- and the same would be borne from his saving account (copy of passbook showing balance amount of Rs. 2,84,825/- can be seen as attachment). 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 requested for the same visit on 03.11.2022 but due to the delayed approval, he could not performed the stated tour. 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 23.12.2023 to 31.12.2023 which includes Fourth Saturday, Sunday, Christmas and winter holidays 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/ Prayagraj either to grant him permission to visit Singapore to meet his near family friend from 23.12.2023 to 31.12.2023 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. Recently, vide order dated 30.11.2023 relating to re-constitution of Committees, Hon'ble The Acting Chief Justice has been pleased to change the single Judge Committee appearing at sl. no. 3 of the list of Committees dated 23.04.2023- last modified on 29.08.2023, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anjani Kumar Mishra is nominated in the said Committee, to deal with the matters relating to grant of permission to Judicial Officers to visit abroad.

May, therefore, if approved, the instant matter may be laid before Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Sangeeta Chandra, Administrative Judge, Prayagraj for kind perusal and if Her Lordship approves, Sri Ratnesh Kumar Srivastava, Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Prayagraj be granted permission to visit Singapore from 23.12.2023 to 31.12.2023 including winter vacation of 2023; to meet his family friend there, as requested, subject to approval by single Judge Committee of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anjani Kumar Mishra, as per Hon'ble High Court's Circular Letter No. 16/ IV-f-101/ Admin (A)/ dated 27.05.2017 and order dated 30.11.2023 of Hon'ble The Acting Chief Justice relating to re-constitution of Committees, 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

Munmun Narang, Section Officer

Arvind Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Registrar, Admin (Misc.I)

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Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Sangeeta Chandra,

Administrative Judge, Prayagraj

Submitted for kind perusal and orders.

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