

Registrar (Judicial) (Budget)

May kindly see the online application of Smt. Aparna Pandey, Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Meerut regarding grant of permission to visit Australia/New Zealand from 18.03.2024 to 25.03.2024 to participate in personal function of her childhood friend.

In her application, Smt. Aparna Pandey has stated that her husband Sri Vinay Shankar Pandey, is presently posted as Secretary, Government of Uttarakhand and he is proceeding on official tour of Australia/New Zealand from 18.03.2024 to 25.03.2024. She has also stated that she wishes to accompany her husband on the official tour of Australia/New Zealand with her children from 18.03.2024 to 25.03.2024. She has further added that she is undertaking the journey with family as holidays for the festival of Holi from 23.03.2024 to 25.03.2024 to have pristine family time and participate in personal function of her childhood friend who is living in Australia and added that the function of her childhood friend can not be rescheduled. She has also enclosed her declaration under attachment heading 'Self Declaration' wherein it is stated :-

1. That by her abroad visit, no dilemma is likely to be created before the Government of India or before the Government of U.P.
2. That such type of request for abroad visit was not refused to her earlier.
3. That after obtaining permission of the Hon'ble Court she has earlier visited Europe from 13.10.2008 to 21.10.2008.
4. Copy of passport of the officer and bank account of her husband showing MOD balance amount of Rs. 10,60,595/- can be seen as attachments.

She, has therefore requested to place his application before the Hon'ble Court to grant her permission to visit Australia/New Zealand from 18.03.2024 to 25.03.2024 alongwith her husband for the aforesaid period.

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. Aparna Pandey. 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 the duration of her visit is from 18.03.2024 to 25.03.2024, which includes 06 working days of the Hon'ble Court including Sunday i.e. on 24.03.2024 and Holi holiday i.e. on 25.03.2024 and the officer has also stated that she wishes to have pristine family time with her husband and children and also wants to participate in personal function of her childhood friend who is living in Australia and also added that the function of her childhood friend can not be rescheduled. Now its upto the discretion of Hon'ble The Chief Justice and Hon'ble Administrative Judge, Meerut; either as a special case, to grant her permission to visit Australia and New Zealand alongwith her husband who is going there on a official tour and also with her children to attend personal function of her childhood friend in Australia for the aforesaid period 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 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 Mr. Justice Ajay Bhanot, Administrative Judge, Meerut for kind perusal and if His Lordship approves, Smt. Aparna Pandey, Addl. District & Sessions Judge, Meerut may be granted permission, as a special case, to visit Australia/New Zealand from 18.03.2024 to 25.03.2024 alongwith her husband and children, 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 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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Section Officer

Arvind Kr. Srivastava
Deputy Registrar, Admin (Misc.-I)

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Bhanot,

Administrative Judge, Meerut

Submitted for kind perusal & orders?

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