

Registrar (Judicial) (Budget)

May kindly see the online application of Sushri Varnika Shukla, Addl. Civil Judge (Senior Division), Bhadohi at Gyanpur regarding grant of permission to visit Hong Kong, Japan and Vietnam from 14.09.2024 to 30.09.2024.

In her application, Sushri Varnika Shukla has stated that she is willing to go on a holiday to foreign countries i.e. Hong Kong, Japan and Vietnam from 16 September 2024 to 7 October 2024 and earlier, she was planning to go during the winter vacations, but since her real sister-in-law is getting married in December 2024, so it would not be possible for her to go during the vacations. She has also stated that on the trip, she would accompany her husband and she also has a valid Passport (No. W5426185) issued by Regional Passport Officer, Lucknow, valid till 2 January 2033 (copy can be seen as attachment). She has also added that the expenses of the proposed foreign trip would be borne by the officer and her husband respectively (She has enclosed the copy of her bank account statement, showing balance of Rs. 19,63,823/-, which can also be seen as attachment) and stated that the proposed expenses of the foreign travel as inquired would be around Rs. 3 lacs for both persons. Thereafter through online objection the officer has been asked to clarify her position and submission as her proposed tour period does not falls during any vacations/ official holidays. In reply, the officer has stated that she has never been to any foreign nation since been in service and due to family obligations she has not been able to visit any foreign country and since her sister in law is getting married in December 2024 due to which the officer and her husband would not be able to visit during winter vacations. She has also modified her duration of the visit to 14.09.2024 to 30.09.2024 and also attached the modified tentative itinerary, which can be seen as attachment. She has also submitted her declaration as per Hon'ble Court's letter dated 27.05.2017, which are as follows:-

1. That by her abroad visit, no dilemma is likely to create before the Government of India or before Government of Uttar Pradesh.
 2. That such type of request for abroad visit was not refused to her earlier.
 3. That she has never visited any foreign country, before or after her date of joining.
- She has, therefore, requested to grant her permission to visit the aforesaid countries alongwith her husband for the aforesaid duration.

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, provided by concerned sections, no vigilance/ departmental enquiry is pending against Sushri Varnika Shukla. 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. Now, in the instant case the officer is going to visit Hong Kong, Japan and Vietnam from 14.09.2024 to 30.09.2024 which includes 13 working days of the Hon'ble Court alongwith Sunday and second Saturday. It is also pertinent to mention here that the officer has stated that she has never been to any foreign nation since been in service and due to family obligations she has not been able to visit any foreign country and since her sister in law is getting married in December 2024 due to which the officer and her husband would not be able to visit during winter vacations, thus she has planned this trip in the aforesaid duration i.e. during working days of the Hon'ble Court. However, it is on the discretion of the Hon'ble High Court either to grant her permission or to pass any order which deems to be proper. 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 Hon'ble The Chief Justice.

Recently 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 Mohd. Azhar Husain Idrisi, Administrative Judge, Bhadohi at Gyanpur for kind perusal and if His Lordship approves, Sushri Varnika Shukla, Addl. Civil Judge (Senior Division), Bhadohi at Gyanpur may be granted permission to visit Hong Kong, Japan and Vietnam from 14.09.2024 to 30.09.2024 alongwith her husband, 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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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mohd. Azhar Husain Idrisi,
Administrative Judge, Bhadohi

Submitted for kind perusal & orders?
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