



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 21-01-2026**

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN**

**CRL RC No. 75 of 2026  
AND  
CRL RC NO. 78 OF 2026**

1. Maqbool John Abdul Nabi

Petitioner(s) in both petitions

Vs

1. The state rep. by, The Inspector of Police,  
J-7 Police Station, Velacherry, Chennai-600042.

Respondent(s) in both petitions

**PRAYER in CRL RC No.75 of 2026**

To call for the records of the learned Metropolitan Magistrate for Exclusive trial of CCB and CBCID Metro cases, Egmore, Chennai relating to the order dated 16.12.2025 and made in Crl.MP.No.15860 of 2025 and set aside the order dated 16.12.2025 and permit the petitioner to fly abroad.

**PRAYER in CRL RC No.78 of 2026**

To call for the records of the Learned Metropolitan Magistrate for Exclusive Trial of CCB and CBCID Metro Cases, Egmore, Chennai relating to the Order dated 16.12.2025 and made in Crl.M.P.No.15863 of 2025 and set aside the Order dated 16.12.2025 and permit the petitioner to fly abroad.



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### **In Both Cases**

For Petitioner(s): Mr.T.Gowthaman, Senior Counsel  
for Mr.K.Kousik

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Balaji,  
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

### **COMMON ORDER**

The revision petitions have been filed challenging the orders dated 16.12.2025 passed in Crl.M.P.Nos.15860 and 15863 of 2025 by the learned Metropolitan Magistrate for Exclusive Trial of CCB and CBCID Metro Cases, Egmore, Chennai, dismissing the petitioner's request to travel abroad for a period of two months to complete his pilgrimage in United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that though four FIRs were registered against the petitioner, in one case, he has been acquitted and in the remaining three cases, the investigation is still pending. It is further submitted that the passport was issued to him pursuant to the orders passed by this Court in W.P.No.28097 of 2024 dated 26.08.2025 and that, since the cases are pending for the past 11 years and the petitioner has been co-operating with the investigation and the trial, he may be permitted to travel abroad for a period of two months.



3. The petitioner has also filed an undertaking affidavit dated 19.01.2025

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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent, however, would submit that out of four cases, two cases are pending investigation and one case is pending trial and that if the petitioner does not return, the investigation and the trial would be affected.

5. Admittedly, out of four cases, the petitioner has been acquitted in one case, one case is pending trial and in the remaining two cases, though they were registered in the year 2011, the respondents have not filed the final report. The passport of the petitioner was issued to him pursuant to the orders passed by this Court in W.P.No.28097 of 2024 dated 26.08.2025.

6. The right to travel abroad cannot be curtailed indefinitely. Considering all the above facts, and in view of the undertaking affidavit dated 19.01.2025 filed by the petitioner stating that he would return on or before 26.03.2026, this Court is inclined to permit the petitioner to travel abroad for the period between 26.01.2026 and 26.03.2026. The affidavit filed by the petitioner dated 19.01.2025, is taken on record.



**WEB COPY** 7. Accordingly, these Criminal Revision Petitions stands allowed on the following conditions:

- (i) The petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) with two sureties, each for a like sum, to the satisfaction of the learned Metropolitan Magistrate for Exclusive Trial of CCB and CBCID Metro Cases, Egmore, Chennai.
- (ii) On his return, the petitioner shall appear before the learned Metropolitan Magistrate for Exclusive Trial of CCB and CBCID Metro Cases, Egmore, Chennai and inform the Court about his return.

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To

1. Learned Metropolitan Magistrate for Exclusive Trial of CCB and CBCID Metro Cases, Egmore, Chennai.
2. The Inspector of Police, J-7 Police Station, Velacherry, Chennai – 600 042



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