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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

% ***Date of Decision: November 23rd, 2026***

\# **CNR No. DLHC010713022025**

\+ W.P.(C) 14700/2025 & CM APPL. 60304/2025

MR. VIKRAM NATH .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Chinmoy Pradeep Sharma, Senior Advocate with Mr. Manu Prardalia, Mr. Bhanu Sonariya, Mr. Ujjwal Chaudhary, Mr. Vijay Deora, Mr. Aditya Aggarwal, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. .....Respondents

Through: Mr. Jagdish Chandra, CGSC with Ms. Aishwarya Sinha, Ms. Maanya Saxena, Ms. Sanskriti Shamra and Ms. Vinita Solanki, Advocates for UoI.

Mr. Rajesh Kumar, SPP for CBI with Ms. Nandini Sharma, Advocate.

\# **CNR No. DLHC010712922025**

\+ W.P.(C) 14705/2025 & CM APPL. 60375/2025

SHAKTI NATH .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Chinmoy Pradeep Sharma, Senior Advocate with Mr. Manu Prardalia, Mr. Bhanu Sonariya, Mr. Ujjwal Chaudhary, Mr. Vijay Deora, Mr. Aditya Aggarwal, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. .....Respondents

Through: Mr. Rohan Jaitely, CGSC with Mr. Akshay Sharma, Mr. Dev

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Pratap Shahi, Mr. Varun Pratap Singh, Mr. Yogya Bhatia, Advocates for UoI.
Mr. Rajesh Kumar, SPP for CBI with Ms. Nandini Sharma, Advocate.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT MAHAJAN

AMIT MAHAJAN, J. *(Oral)*

1. By way of the present petitions, the petitioners seek quashing of the impugned Look Out Circulars (**'LOCs'**), issued against the petitioners, at the instance of Respondent No. 3/ Central Bureau of Investigation ('**CBI**') along with permission to travel abroad.

2. Succinctly stated, the petitioner /Vikram Nath in W.P.(C) No. 14700 of 2025 was a Director of M/s Logix City Developers Pvt. Ltd. and his father, the petitioner/Shakti Nath in W.P.(C) No. 14705 of 2025, was a promoter of the Logix Group. The LOCs were issued against the petitioners at the instance of CBI in connection with FIR No. RC2192025E0004 dated 17.03.2025 and FIR Nos. RC2192025E0018, RC2192025E0017 and RC2192025E0016 dated 28.07.2025, all registered at Police Station EO-I, New Delhi.

3. FIR No. RC2192025E0004 came to be registered pursuant to the order dated 24.02.2025 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Allahabad in W.P. (C) 8483 of 2023, whereby, on the basis of the observations of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (**'CAG')** regarding the allotments made by the New Okhla Industrial Development Authority **('NOIDA')** in relation to the Sports City

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projects, the CBI was directed to enquire into the matter.

4. It is pertinent to note that separate proceedings were also initiated by the aggrieved homebuyers before this Court, challenging the disbursal of loans by banks and housing finance institutions under the subvention schemes. The said petitions were dismissed by this Court, by judgment dated 14.03.2023, on the ground of availability of an alternative remedy. The said judgment was assailed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (C) No. 7649 of 2023, wherein, vide order dated 29.04.2025, directions were issued to the CBI to conduct a wider enquiry into the NOIDA projects and, subsequently, *vide* order dated 22.07.2025, the CBI was directed to register regular cases. Pursuant thereto, FIR Nos. RC2192025E0018, RC2192025E0017 and RC2192025E0016 came to be registered on 28.07.2025.

5. The learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners had ceased to be associated with the management of M/s Logix City Developers Pvt. Ltd. prior to the registration of the FIRs and have been arraigned as accused merely on account of their past association with the Logix Group. He submits that the LOCs have been issued in a routine and mechanical manner, without furnishing a copy thereof to the petitioners. He further submits that the petitioners have fully cooperated with the investigation and have also furnished a written undertaking dated 14.08.2025 to the CBI expressing their willingness to continue to do so.

6. He submits that the petitioners have neither been declared absconders nor proclaimed offenders.

7. It has been pointed out by the learned Counsel appearing on

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behalf of the CBI that the investigation stands completed and, pursuant to that, the chargesheet has also been filed by the CBI. The petitioners at no stage were arrested and it is also not the case of CBI that they have not cooperated with the investigation.

8. It remains undisputed that, during the pendency of the present petitions, the petitioners have travelled abroad on multiple occasions after obtaining permission, initially from this Court *vide* order dated 26.09.2025, and thereafter, from the learned Trial Court. The petitioners also never misused the liberty granted by the Courts. The order granting permission to the petitioners to travel abroad was also never challenged and therefore it cannot be the case of CBI that they are flight risk.

9. In view of the fact that the investigation stands concluded and the chargesheet has been filed, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the LOCs against the petitioners open. The impugned LOC thus has served its purpose and lived the life. Considering the totality of circumstances, there cannot be said to be any live link so as to justify continuance of the LOC.

10. There can be no doubt that an LOC is a coercive measure and cannot be resorted to as a matter of routine merely because the petitioners are undergoing Trial. Its issuance and continued operation must be justified by circumstances warranting such a restraint upon the right to travel abroad, which is an integral facet of the right to personal liberty guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

11. Pertinently, the learned Trial Court is now seized of the

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criminal proceedings, and any foreign travel by the petitioners, in any case, shall be subject to the supervision of the learned Trial Court.

12. In view of the above, the present petitions are allowed.

13. The LOCs issued against the petitioners are quashed.

14. However, to balance the petitioners right with any apprehension that the CBI may have, following conditions are imposed on the petitioners:

a) The petitioners, who are Indian national and resident, shall inform Respondent No.3 of their complete itinerary of travel before leaving the country, including, the flight details, duration of visit, places intended to be visited, address of his stay abroad and working telephone contact number while abroad. The Petitioner shall inform Respondent No.1 of their return within 72 hours after returning.

b) The petitioners shall provide Respondent No.3 with a valid email ids upon which the summons or any other communication can be sent to them and the same shall be deemed to be a valid service upon them. The petitioner shall not close/delete the email account so given.

c) The petitioners shall co-operate fully with the investigation and shall join the same as and when required by Respondent No.3.

15. It is clarified that the quashing of the LOCs shall not, in any manner, affect the criminal proceedings pending before the learned Trial Court or the power of the learned Trial Court to regulate or restrict the petitioners' travel, in accordance with law. The petitioners shall continue to abide by all such conditions and directions as may be

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imposed by the learned Trial Court from time to time.

16. The present petitions stand disposed of with the aforesaid terms. Pending applications also stand disposed of.

17. A copy of this order be placed in both the matters and be also communicated to the Respondent No.2/Bureau of Immigration for necessary compliance.

AMIT MAHAJAN, J

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