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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

WP No. 42321 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012424082026}

Shilpa Darshan Kumar
D/o Dharshan Kumar,
No 3 Mohan Kumar Mangalam Street,
nungambakkam, Chennai 600 034

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary
   The Union of India,
   Ministry of Home Affairs,
   Foreigners Division (immigration section)
   North Block New Delhi
2. Bureau of Immigration
   Deputy Director,
   Shastri Bhawan,
   haddows Raod,
   Chennai 600 034

3. Serious Fraud Investigation office (SFIO)
   corporate Bhavan,
   North Beach Road,
   Rajaji Salai, Mannadi,
   George Town, Chennai 600 001

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Directing the Respondent 1 to 3 to consider petitioner representation dated 15.09.2026 and forth with verify the status of Look out circular issued against petitioner and consequently withdraw such Look out Circular / Notice issued against petitioner bearing Passport No 3570121 and thereby permit petitioner to travel abroad without any restriction.

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For Petitioner(s): Mr. J.Vivekanandan

For Respondent(s): Mr.T.Srikrishna Bhagavat, CGSC for R.1 to R3

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for the following reliefs:-

"Directing the Respondent 1 to 3 to consider petitioner representation dated 15.09.2026 and forth with verify the status of Look out circular issued against petitioner and consequently withdraw such Look out Circular / Notice issued against petitioner bearing Passport No 3570121 and thereby permit petitioner to travel abroad without any restriction."

2. The petitioner would submit that she was offloaded at Chennai International Airport on 15.07.2026 and prevented from boarding her flight to Bali, Indonesia, pursuant to a Look Out Circular (LOC), the existence of which was unknown to her. No notice, copy of the LOC, or reasons for its issuance were communicated to her, and she was orally informed that the LOC had been issued at the instance of the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO).

3. The petitioner would submit that she was travelling to Bali to attend the GARES SCALE HUB 2026 conference in her capacity as the Chief Executive Officer of ArQonZ Global Private Limited.

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4. The petitioner would submit that the SFIO is investigating M/s.Edgeqube Trading Private Limited and three other companies under Section 212(1)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013, in connection with which she was summoned under Section 217 as a former Director. No complaint has been filed against her, and she has continuously cooperated with the investigation without being declared an absconder or having any warrant issued against her.

5. The petitioner would submit that the LOC is contrary to the Office Memorandum dated 22.02.2021, bearing No. 25016/10/2017-Imm (Pt.), and was issued in violation of the prescribed procedure and principles of natural justice.

6. The petitioner would submit that, despite submitting a representation to respondents 1 to 3 dated 15.09.2026, seeking information regarding the LOC, no response has been received to date. Hence, the present Writ Petition seeking the reliefs stated supra.

7. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the records.

8. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the relief sought for by the petitioner, this Court without going into the merits of the case, directs the respondents to consider and pass appropriate orders on the

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petitioner's representation 15.09.2026, on merits and in accordance with law within a period of 6 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

9. Accordingly, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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