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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 1849 OF 2012
WITH
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 243 OF 2016

Xpress Securitech Pvt. Ltd.

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State of Maharashtra and ors.

.. Respondents

Mr. Subhash Jha i/by Law Global for petitioner/applicant.
Mrs. G. P. Mulekar, APP for State.

CORAM: NARESH H. PATIL &
PRAKASH D. NAIK, JJ.

SEPTEMBER 06, 2016.

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1. By a communication dated 27/2/2012, the Police Commissioner, Navi Mumbai, cancelled the permission granted to the petitioner for running Security Guard Agency. The petitioner questioned the order passed by the Police Commissioner cancelling the license of the petitioner. The petition was admitted on 18/5/2012. Interim relief in terms of prayer clause (c) of the petition was granted while admitting the petition.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that during the pendency of the said petition, the period of license granted earlier in favour of the petitioner expired in the year 2015. The petitioner had already applied for renewal of the license. The application filed for renewal is still pending with the respondent-authority. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as the earlier period of license expired during the pendency of the petition, the petition itself could be disposed of. Learned counsel prayed for direction, in Criminal Application No. 243 of 2016, to the respondent-authority for deciding its renewal application.

3. Learned APP, on instructions, submits that in case the application of the petitioner is still pending with the respondent-authority, the same will be decided on its own merits.

4. From the petition, we find that the purpose of filing of the petition is over as the license granted earlier to the petitioner got expired in the year 2015. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that in view of efflux of time, the petition itself could be disposed of.

5. In the Criminal Application No. 243 of 2016, the petitioner has prayed for direction to the respondent-authority.

6. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the application filed by the petitioner for renewal of license, we direct that in case such an application is pending with the respondent-authority, the same shall be decided on its own merits as expeditiously as possible, preferably within six weeks from the date of receipt of the order of this court.

7. For the reasons stated above, Criminal Writ Petition and Criminal Application No. 243 of 2016 stand disposed. Rule in Criminal Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(PRAKASH D. NAIK, J.)

(NARESH H. PATIL, J.)