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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**WRIT PETITION NO.124 OF 2018**

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| Bhavesh Mahesh Barot     | ...Petitioner |
| Versus                   |               |
| The State of Maharashtra | ...Respondent |

Mr.Sujit Lahoti i/b Mr.P.P.Shah, for the Petitioner.

Mr.H.J.Dedhia, A.P.P for the Respondent-State

***CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.***

***DATE : 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2018***

**P.C. :**

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties
  
2. By this petition, the petitioner seeks expeditious disposal of the application preferred by him for issuance of passport i.e. Miscellaneous Application No.54 of 2016, as well as expeditious disposal of the discharge application filed in Criminal Case No.987/PW/2008, within two weeks.
  
3. Perused the papers. The case is of the year 2008. The petitioner

had filed an application seeking his discharge in 2009 and it appears that the same has not been decided till date. Similarly, the petitioner's application for issuance of passport i.e. Miscellaneous Application No.54 of 2016 has not been decided till date.

4. Considering the aforesaid, the petition is allowed. The learned Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, 28<sup>th</sup> Court at Esplanade, Mumbai to hear and decide the application for issuance of passport i.e. Miscellaneous Application No.54 of 2016, as expeditiously as possible and in any event within three weeks from the date of receipt of this order. Similarly, the learned Magistrate shall also decide the discharge application filed by the petitioner in 2009, as expeditiously as possible and in any event within eight weeks from the date of receipt of this order.

5. Petition is allowed and disposed of in above terms.

6. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

***REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.***