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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION No. 1257 OF 2019
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL No. 210 OF 2010

Ajay Damodar Sharma	...	Applicant
Vs.		
The State of Maharashtra	...	Respondent

Mrs. Sangita Musle, for the Applicant.

Mrs. S. V. Sonawane, APP for Respondent .

**CORAM : INDRAJIT MAHANTY, &
A. M. BADAR, JJ.**

DATE : AUGUST 5, 2019

PC :

1. This is an application for directing the passport issuing authority i.e. the Regional Passport Authority, Mumbai to renew the Passport bearing No. PO84682 of the applicant, who happens to be Respondent No. 4 in Criminal Appeal No. 210 of 2010 pending before this Court.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the Applicant as well as the learned APP for the State.

3. The Applicant was an accused in MCOC Special Case No. 11 of 2017 and he came to be acquitted by the court vide order dated 5th March, 2009 of the offences punishable under Sections 387, 120-B, 506(II) read with of the Indian

Penal Code as well as under Section 3(1)(ii) read with 3(2) and 3(4) of the Maharashtra Control of Organized Crime Act, 1999. The State has preferred an appeal challenging this acquittal and this is how the Applicant is requiring permission of this Court to renew his passport.

4. The criminal appeal is yet to be listed for final hearing and as such, we see no impediment in granting permission to the Applicant to renew his passport according to Rules and Regulations of the concerned authority. Hence, the order.

ORDER

- (i) The Applicant Ajay Damodar Sharma is permitted to renew his Passport No. PO84682 according to the existing Rules and Regulations in that regard.
- (ii) The criminal application is accordingly disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

Sd/-
[A. M. BADAR, J.]

Vinayak Halemath

Sd/-
[INDRAJIT MAHANTY, J.]