

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

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 1161 OF 2021

Razia Mohammed Altaf Siwani

..Petitioner

Versus

The Union of India & Ors.

..Respondents

Mr. Ayaz Khan i/b. Ajay Bhise for Petitioner.

Mr. D. P. Singh for Respondent Nos.1 to 3.

Mr. J. P. Yagnik, APP for State/Respondent No.4.

**CORAM : NITIN JAMDAR AND
SARANG V. KOTWAL, JJ.**

DATE : 15 DECEMBER 2021

P.C. :

1. Heard the learned counsel for the parties. This Petition is filed for a direction to the Respondent Nos.1 to 3 to issue full validity passport to the Petitioner.

2. The learned counsel for the Petitioner states that the Petitioner's passport has expired and having made an application for the renewal / fresh issuance of passport, the Respondent – Passport authorities are not taking any steps, presumably for the reason of criminal case against the Petitioner's husband.

3. The learned counsel for the Respondent Nos. 1 to 3, on instructions, states that the Petitioner was called upon to furnish the details and personal particulars form so that same can be forwarded to

the Ministry and thereupon after receipt of communication, necessary decision can be taken, however, there is no response from the Petitioner, even after a reminder. The learned counsel for the Petitioner disputes this position.

4. Be that as it may, since the learned counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 to 3, on instructions has stated that if the Petitioner places personal particular forms, the same will be forwarded to the Ministry and after receipt of communication from the Ministry, necessary decision will be taken, it is not necessary for us to issue any further directions apart from accepting the statement of the learned counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 to 3, made on instructions.

5. The learned counsel for the Petitioner states that, particulars will be provided and prays that Respondents be directed to take a decision at the earliest.

6. As regards decision to be taken at the earliest, it is not possible for us to issue a mandate as we are not aware of the exact workload before the Authority. All that we say is that, depending on the work load, the Respondents may consider expediting the matter.

7. The Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)

(NITIN JAMDAR, J.)