

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.988 OF 2021
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 1157 of 2008

Sunil Praveenchandra Shah .. Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra & ors .. Respondents

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Mr.Vijay M. Vaghela for the applicant.
Mr.H.J. Dedhia, APP for the State.
Ms.Anusha P. Amin i/b Sandesh D. Patil for Union of India.

CORAM: BHARATI DANGRE, J.
DATED : 7th APRIL 2021

P.C:-

1 The applicant, a practising Chartered Accountant at Pune and who propagate to be associated with several non-government institutions working in the said field has taken out the application seeking renewal of his passport for a period of five years.

2 The applicant is convicted by the District and Sessions Court, Pune on the charge framed under Section 376 of the IPC and the Appeal preferred by the applicant is already admitted by this Court and is ready for hearing.

3 The grievance of the applicant is that his passport has expired on 1st April 2021 and he had preferred an application to the passport authorities i.e. Regional Passport Office, Pune on 8th March 2021 itself.

4 Perusal of the earlier orders passed by this Court reflect that on earlier occasions, this Court had permitted the applicant to prefer an application for renewal of passport, pending his appeal and renewal was granted to him.

5 The passport authority has no objection in renewing the said passport but according to them, it can be renewed for a period of two years and not for a period of five years as sought for. The stand of the passport authorities appear to be justified one and since the appeal itself is scheduled for hearing in the month of June 2021, the applicant is entitled for getting his passport renewed for a period of two years from 2nd April 2021.

6 The respondent no.3 is directed to take immediate steps to renew the passport of the applicant as directed above.

7 Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

8 Parties to act on an authenticated copy of this order.

SMT. BHARATI DANGRE, J