

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

WRIT PETITION NO.16733 OF 2024

Suhas Arvind Vaidya

... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India Thr. Regional Passport
and Anr.

... Respondents

Mr. Lakshyaved R. Odhekar a/w Omkar N. Mhasde, for
Petitioner.

Mr. A.I. Patel, Addl. G.P a/w Ketan Joshi 'B' Panel, for
Respondent No.2 - State.

Mr. D.P Singh for the Respondent No.1.

**CORAM : M.S. Sonak &
Advait M. Sethna, JJ.**

DATED : 12 September 2025

P.C.:-

1. Heard Mr. Odhekar, learned counsel for the
Petitioner, Mr. D.P. Singh, learned counsel for the Respondent
No.1 and Mr. A.I. Patel along with Mr. Ketan Joshi, learned
counsel for the Respondent No.2.

2. Given this Court's decision in **Pilaji Jadhavrao vs.
Regional Passport Office, Pune** in Writ Petition No.14116 of
2024 disposed of on 14 January 2025 and **Cyrus Keki Balsara**

vs. Union of India and Anr.¹

3. Mr. Odhekar, learned counsel on instructions seeks leave to withdraw this Petition with liberty to file appropriate application before the Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Esplanade, Mumbai where, the case is pending against the Petitioner.

4. Mr. Odhekar states that such application would be filed within a week from today. Upon its filing, we request the learned Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate to dispose of such application as expeditiously as possible and preferably within two weeks of its institution and service upon the Respondents. Further, the learned Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate need not be influenced by the show-cause notice dated 6 December 2023 issued by the Regional Passport Office at Mumbai. Such application should be decided on merits in accordance with law.

5. With the above directions, leave is granted to withdraw this Petition with liberty to file the application before the learned Metropolitan Magistrate.

6. This Petition is disposed of as withdrawn with liberty in the above terms.

(Advait M. Sethna, J)

(M.S. Sonak, J.)

¹ 2024 SCC OnLine Bom 1085