

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 5219 OF 2024
IN
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 20 OF 2022**

Suresh @ Jawahar Chellaram Bijlani .Intervenor

IN THE MATTER BETWEEN

Suresh @ Jawahar Chellaram Bijlani .Applicant

vs.

The State of Maharashtra .Respondent

Dr. Abhinav Chandrachud a/w. Ms. Tahira Siddique, Mr. Darshan Patankar & Ms. Shweta R. Rathod i/b. Elixir Legal Services, Advocate, for the Applicant

Ms. A. S. Pai, Special Public Prosecutor and Ms. R. V. Newton, APP, for the Respondent – State

Mr. H. V. Kode a/w. Mr. J. S. Karnik & Mr. Amey Lambhate, Advocates, for the Intervenor

CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : 09.01.2025

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1. The aforesaid Application is for renewal of passport. If the prosecution has any objection and apprehension that the Applicant may misuse the passport, if it is granted, that objection is pre-mature *prima facie* at this stage.

2. Ms. Pai, learned Special Public Prosecutor will take appropriate instructions. The Application for renewal of passport can be allowed

and once the passport is granted, the same can remain deposited with the prosecution, if there is any apprehension of the Applicant, being a flight risk. As and when the Applicant desires to travel, he can always make an Application to the concerned Court with all details. In that event, the prosecution shall be heard by the Court before passing any Order.

3. For passing final Order, stand over to **16.01.2025, First On Board.**

(MILIND N. JADHAV, J.)