

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 5438 OF 2024
IN
APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL NO. 121 OF 2015**

Ashwin Pandurang Bhole

...Applicant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Ms. Pranita P. Hingmire	Advocate for the Applicant
Adv. Tushar Sonawane	Advocate for the Applicant in ALP 121 of 2015
Mr. D. P. Singh	Advocate for the Respondent Nos. 3 and 4.
Ms. Sangeeta E. Phad	APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : S. M. MODAK, J.

DATE : 20th JUNE 2025

P. C. :-

1. In view of the urgency mentioned on the last date, today matter is fixed. Learned Advocate Ms. Hingmire made oral submission, according to her, direction is required for renewal of the passport. When the prayer is perused, it talks about issuance of the passport as it has to be issued for the first time. When asked about annexure, she invited my attention to the copy of the correspondence by Regional

Passport office, Mumbai dated 19.04.2024 addressed to the present Applicant. She could not point out from the said letter that there is prayer for renewal of the passport. When asked about copy of the passport, she tried to give justification that its production is not expected. More than once she referred to this word. I failed to understand, how learned Advocate can use this word. The reason is orally she said about renewal of the passport, whereas in the application, there is a prayer for issuance of the passport for the first time. If such difference is there, the Court is bound to ask for annexing the documents.

2. Let the Applicant take necessary steps either by way of amendment or by annexing the documents.

3. Matter be kept on **23rd June 2025, high on board.**

4. The time of the Court is taken that is why adjournment is granted subject to cost of Rs. 3,000/-. The oral prayer for amending the prayer clause thereby adding the word renewal is allowed.
Amendment be carried out forthwith.

[S. M. MODAK, J.]