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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.3236 OF 2026
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 210 OF 2010

Madhukar Ramchandra Musale @Musle ...Applicant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

Ms Sangita A. Musle for Applicant.
Ms Gauri S. Rao APP for State.
Ms Supriya Kak for Respondent Nos.2 & 3 UOI (through VC).

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &
RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, JJ.

DATE : 22nd OCTOBER 2026.

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1. This application in the pending criminal appeal is for directions to the passport authorities to renew the Applicant's passport which is valid till 6th May 2027.

2. The Applicant was the original Accused No.2 in MCOC Special Case No.11 of 2007 before the Learned Special Judge, MCOC, Mumbai. Vide judgment and order dated 5th March 2009, he was acquitted from the charge of commission of offence punishable mainly under Section 387 of IPC and under Section 3(1)(ii), 3(2) and 3(4) of the Maharashtra Control of Organized Crime Act 1999.

3. The State of Maharashtra being aggrieved by the said acquittal of the Applicant filed Criminal Appeal No.210 of 2010 before this Court, which is admitted on 30th March 2010 and since then it is pending.

4. The Applicant held a valid passport and, in terms of the applicable Government Circular, was required to obtain permission from this Court to renew his passport from time to time. On the 6 previous occasions, different Benches of this Hon'ble Court had granted the Applicant permission to renew his passport, each time for a period of two years.

5. Now the present application is filed for permission to renew the passport for a period of 10 years. Learned APP as well as Learned Special Prosecutor for Respondent Nos.2 and 3 Union of India did not have serious objections.

6. Though the prayer is for renewal of passport for 10 years, considering that in the past, permission for renewal of passport is granted for two years each, this time we are inclined to grant permission to renew the passport for 4 years. There are no allegations that there is violation of any condition or that he has committed any other offence. Hence, the following order:

ORDER

(i) The Applicant is permitted to get his passport renewed for a period of 4 years.

(ii) The passport authorities shall consider renewing the Applicant's

passport for a period of 4 years, if he satisfies all other requirements necessary for issuance of passport.

7. With these directions, the interim application is disposed of.

(RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, J.) (SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)