

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 6262 OF 2025

Dharmendra Chhanalal Patel and Anr ..Petitioners

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr ...Respondents

Mr. Mikdad Aziz Zumnerwala, with Grishma Gamre, for the
Petitioners.

Smt. R.S. Tendulkar, APP, for the Respondent.

Ashwini More, PSI, BKC Police Station present.

CORAM: N. J. JAMADAR, J.

DATE : 18th FEBRUARY 2026

ORAL ORDER:

1. Heard the learned Counsel for the parties.
2. By this Petition the Petitioners seek a limited prayer for a direction of expedite hearing and disposal of C.C. No. 2125/PW/2016, wherein the Petitioners are facing prosecution for an offence punishable under Section 12A of the Passport Act, 1967.
3. The learned Counsel for the Petitioners invited attention of the Court to an order dated 14th June 2019, whereby the charge has been framed against the Petitioners under Section 12A of the Passports Act, 1967, only.

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4. The learned Counsel submits that till date, no witness has been examined by the prosecution and the pendency of the criminal complaint causes grave prejudice to the Petitioners.

5. Having regard to the fact that the charge was framed on 14th June 2019, the prayer for expeditious hearing of the prosecution appears justifiable.

6. The Petition thus stands disposed with a request to the learned Magistrate seized with C.C. No. 2125/PW/2016, to hear and decide the said case as expeditiously as possible and, preferably, within a period of one year from the date of communication of this order.

7. Petition disposed.

[N. J. JAMADAR, J.]