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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 998 OF 2026
IN
WRIT PETITION NO. 5069 OF 2015

Samarth Moray

... Applicant

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra and Ors.

... Respondents

Mr. Sagar Rane a/w. Mr. Abhishek Joni i/b. Ms. Shivani Shinde, Advocate for Applicant.

Mr. B. B. Kulkarni, APP for the Respondent – State.

Mr. Jatin P. Karia (Shah) a/w. Mr. Siddhartha Puthoor and Ms. Snehankita Munj i/b. Mehta & Padamsey, Advocates for Respondent Nos. 2 and 3.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 30th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this interim application, the applicant is seeking renewal of passport.
2. Learned counsel for respondent Nos.2 and 3 strongly objected to allow the application.
3. Considering the submission of both the learned counsel and reasons mentioned in the application, I pass following order :

ORDER

- (i) Interim Application is allowed.
- (ii) The Passport Authority shall decide the pending

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application of the applicant on its own merit.

(iii) The Passport Authority may consider for re-issuance of passport of the applicant for 10 years as per Rule.

4. Interim Application is disposed of.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)