

CNR NO.MHCC02-013955-2025

IN THE COURT OF SPECIAL JUDGE (CBI) FOR GREATER BOMBAY
ORDER BELOW BAIL APPLICATION EXHIBIT NO.05
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SPECIAL CASE NO.2389 OF 2025

Ashok Mohanlal Kumar
Senior Passport Assistant,
VO, PSK, Lower Parel,
Mumbai.
R/o 2505/204, Sector-6,
CGS Colony, Kane Nagar,
Antop Hill, Mumbai- 400037.

..Applicant/
Accused No.1

V/s.

CBI, ACB, Mumbai.

..Respondent.

Appearance :

Ld. Adv. Tamash Shaikh for applicant/accused.

PP Mr. Mayank Singh for the respondent/CBI, ACB, Mumbai.

CORAM : H.H.THE SPECIAL JUDGE (CBI)
A. P. KANADE

DATED : 06.01.2026 (C.R.NO. 53)

ORAL ORDER

1. The present application is filed by the applicant/accused Ashok Mohanlal Kumar under Section 91 of BNSS for his release.

2. As per story of the prosecution, on 28.06.2024, a case RC0262024A0021 was registered based on a written complaint dated 26.06.2024 of Shri Ranjeet Kumar Pandey, the then PI, CBI, ACB, Mumbai. The said case was registered against Shri Ashok Kumar, Senior Passport Assistant/Verification Officer, Passport Seva Kendra (PSK),

Lower Parel, Mumbai and a passport agent Shri Prakash Nadar and other unknown public servants and other unknown private persons under Section 120-B of IPC r/w. Sections 7, 7A, 8, 11 and 12 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (as amended in 2018) and substantive offences thereof subsequent to the Joint Surprise Check conducted on 26.06.2024 by CBI, ACB, Mumbai alongwith the Vigilance Officer of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, Officials of O/o RPO, Mumbai and independent witnesses at Passport Seva Kendra, Lower Parel, Mumbai. The aforesaid passport agent was indulged in corrupt practices, obtaining undue advantage from various passport applicants and giving part of the same to public servant Shri Ashok Kumar, Sr. PA/VO, PSK, Lower Parel, Mumbai. That, investigation revealed that on 26.06.2024 during Joint Surprise Check, public dealing counters- B and C situated at Passport Seva Kendra, Kamla Mills compound, Trade point, Pandurang Budhkar Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai were checked and thereafter, the mobile phones of the suspect officers were analyzed jointly by CBI team and Officer of Passport Seva Programme Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi in presence of independent witnesses. After perusal of WhatsApp chats/message/UPI ID activities, various suspicious transactions were found, which prima facie revealed that the public servants posted at the above PSK, Lower Parel, Mumbai were indulging in corrupt practices and demanding and accepting undue advantage in lieu of their official work from the private persons working as passport facilitation agents/touts. It was also revealed that Shri Ashok Kumar was in regular contact with various agents. He has received illegal gratification in lieu of favoring passport agents in the matter of issuance

of passport of various applicants. He is in habit of accepting undue advantage from different private persons/agents contacted with his official dealings. During the joint surprise check on 26.06.2024 it was revealed that Shri Ashok Kumar, SPA/VO has obtained Rs. 10,000/- from one agent Shri Prakash Nadar, having mobile No. 9892632454 as illegal gratification in May, 2024 in bank account of his wife Smt. Kamala Kumar for helping in issuance of passport.

3. The PP has filed reply to the application and resisted the application and submitted that Court may pass an appropriate order in the interest of justice. Hence, he prayed for rejection of the application.

4. Heard Ld. Advocate for the applicant/accused and Ld. PP for CBI, ACB, Mumbai. Perused the papers on record.

5. After going through the papers on record, it reveals that the CBI, ACB, Mumbai has registered Crime No. RC0262024A0021 against the applicant and others. After completion of investigation charge-sheet has been filed against the applicant. In response to summons the applicant/accused appeared and filed an application under Section 91 of BNSS. The CBI has filed it's reply to said application. During the course of investigation, investigating officer has not arrested the applicant/accused. No ground is made out for custodial interrogation and detention of the applicant. The applicant has also cooperated, to the investigating officers during investigation. He is permanent resident of given address. Considering the aforesaid reasons,

I am of the view that application deserves to be allowed. Hence, I pass the following order :

ORDER

1. Bail Application Exh.05 is Allowed.
2. Applicant/accused No.1 Ashok Mohanlal Kumar, be released under Section 91 of BNSS on his executing PR bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) with one or two sureties in like amount, on following condition:
 - a. In future, the applicant shall attend each and every date of the trial scrupulously.
 - b. The applicant shall undertake not to tamper with the evidence of CBI, ACB, Mumbai and not to pressurise the witnesses of CBI, ACB, Mumbai.
 - c. The applicant shall undertake not to travel abroad without permission of the Court.
3. Bail Application Exh.05 is disposed off.

Mumbai:
Date: 06.01.2026

(A. P KANADE)
Special Judge (CBI)
Court Room No.53,
Gr. Bombay.

Typed on : 06.01.2026
Signed on : 06.01.2026

“Certified to be true and correct copy of the original signed order”.

06.01.2026
at about 4.00 PM.

(Pushpa Rajan Vengurlekar)
Stenographer (H.G.)
Court Room No.53

Name of the Hon'ble Judge : Shri. A.P. Kanade
(Court Room No.53)

Date of pronouncement of Judgment/Order : 06.01.2026

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