

MHBH010003772020



ORDER BELOW EXH. NO.38
(Passed on 28th day of April, 2026)

Applicant/accused **Ajay Ramesh Bhagwat** has filed this application for permission to renew of his passport.

2) In short, as per applicant, he is facing trial for the offence punishable under section 135 of Indian Electricity Act. He is Civil Engineer and residing at Bhandara. He is also having business in Bhandara City. He is running hotel under the name and style as “Royal Plaza”. He is having passport which is valid upto 16th August, 2026 and for that purpose the Passport Authority, Nagpur has directed to produce necessary permission of court, vide letter dated 25.03.2026. He further submits that he is on bail. He has no criminal antecedents. The trial would take its own time for final disposal. With this, he prayed for permission to renew his passport.

3) The application is strongly resisted by learned PP contending that the reasons stated by accused is not sufficient and believable. The accused has committed huge theft of electricity and caused loss of Rs.10,91,030/- to the M.S.E.D.C.L. The matter is five years old. The trial is going on and the case is fixed for evidence. If no objection granted to accused, his presence will not be secured. With this, he prayed for rejection of the application.

4) Heard both the sides. They made oral submission as per their respective pleadings.

5) Upon hearing both the sides, I have gone through the record of the case. It appears that the applicant is businessman and residing at Bhandara. He has not breach any of the bail condition of this court. He has remain present each and every date. He is having immovable properties at Bhandara and Nagpur. The case is five years old. The trial would take its own time for final decision. The applicant / accused has filed necessary documents on record for getting permission for renewal of passport. If permission is granted to the applicant, no prejudice would be cause to the prosecution. So far as the apprehension of the prosecution is concern that can be taken care of by imposing certain conditions. Hence, I proceed to pass following order. Hence, following order;

ORDER

1. The application is allowed.
2. The applicant / accused is permitted to renew his passport.
3. The applicant is directed to remain present before court to face trial against him.

Date 28/04/2026.

(Atul K. Shah)
Additional Sessions Judge
Bhandara.

CERTIFICATE

I affirm that, the contents of this P. D. F. file are word to word,
as per the original Order.

Name of the Stenographer	: N. B. Shendekar, (Grade-1)
Court's Name	: Additional Sessions Judge, Bhandara
Date of Dictation	: 28/04/2026
Signed by Presiding Officer on	: 28/04/2026
Uploaded on	: 28/04/2026