

**IN THE COURT OF THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE OF FIRST CLASS-I,
PERUMBAVOOR**

Present: Sri. Anish Babu M.B, Judicial Magistrate of First Class

Wednesday the 4th day of March, 2026/ 13th Phalguna 1947

CMP No. 02/2026 IN CC No.208/19

Petitioner/Accused : Ansal, aged 44, S/o Rahim, Puthenpeedikayil House, Perumbavoor Kara, Perumbavoor Village.

(By Adv.Kabir.U)

Respondent s : 1. Regional Passport Officer, Passport Office, Aluva.

2. State represented by the Sub Inspector of Police, Perumbavoor P.S (Cr.No. 358/19).

(By Nazeer S.M, APP Gr.I, JFCM-I)

ORDER

This petition is filed by the petitioner/accused for getting permission from the court for renewing his passport and travel abroad.

2. The case of the petitioner is that he is the accused in CC.208/19 on the file of this court (Perumbavoor Police Station Crime No.358/19). The offences alleged against the petitioner/ accused are punishable under Sections 279, 304(A) of IPC. The petitioner submitted that the passport of the petitioner/accused was expired on 18.01.2024. It is also submitted by the petitioner that he is intending to visit Dubai for a period of one month from the 3rd week of March, 2026, in connection with his business. According to the petitioner/accused as he is involved in the above case, a permission from the court is required for renewing his passport and travel abroad. Hence the petition.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the Assistant Public Prosecutor. The Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor filed a report raising an objection since there is every chance to cause hindrance in the trial, if permission is granted as sought in this petition. Hence he prays to dismiss the petition.

4. It is well settled that an accused is presumed innocent unless and until he is found guilty. It can be seen that the courts have consistently held that the pendency of a criminal proceeding is not a bar for obtaining a passport or for travelling abroad. The Government of India has issued a Notification No. G.S.R.570 (E) dtd. 25.08.1993, under S.22 of the Passport Act. **The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala has also considered the said notification in its decision in Asok Kumar v. State of Kerala, reported as 2009 (2) KLT 712** and granted permission to the accused to travel abroad. **The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in Mohamad Shafi v. Regional Passport Officer, reported as 2017 (2) KHC 484** had held that criminal court is vested with ample power to issue directions for providing passport for a specific period and the magistrate can fix the period for travelling abroad or even issue directions to issue the passport for a specified period in accordance with the facts and circumstances of each and every case.

5. In the case on hand, the petitioner is the accused in Crime No358/19 of Perumbavoor P.S alleging commission of offences punishable under Sections 279, 304(A) of IPC. According to the petitioner, he is totally innocent in the matter. Recently, **the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in Akhilesh v. State of Kerala and Ors., reported as 2021 (2) KHC 752**, has held that the court where the case is presently pending has to decide whether the applicant is entitled to get a passport as well as the period for which he is entitled to get a passport and the court has to keep in mind the fact that pendency of a criminal

case shall not stand in the way or cause hindrance to decide the future of the applicant. The petitioner/accused herein is now in need of permission from this Court for renewing his passport and to go to Dubai in connection with his business. Considering the facts narrated, the petition is allowed. Intimate the Regional Passport Officer, Aluva that pendency of this case is not a bar to renew the passport of the petitioner/ accused for a period of three years. The permission is also granted to the petitioner/accused to leave the India for a limited purpose to go to Dubai for a period of one month from the 3rd week of March, 2026, in connection with his business. It is made clear that the petitioner/accused must be present in court on all occasions as and when his presence is essential in this case during the trial. The petitioner shall make arrangements to receive the summons or other process issued to him and shall furnish to the court the name and address of the person whom he authorizes on this behalf.

Pronounced by me in open court on the 4th day of March, 2026.

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Judicial First Class Magistrate-I,
Perumbavoor