

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

**Present:- Sri. Arjun Raj. E. R., Judicial Magistrate of the 1<sup>st</sup> Class.**

Dated this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026

**Crl. M. P. No.2/2026 IN CC No.529/2019**

Petitioner/ 1<sup>st</sup> Accused : Sujatha Ammal @ Sujatha,  
D/o Kamalamma, Kaleelazhikath Veedu,  
Peruthumpara, Mukoodu.P.O.,  
Karuvellil Muri, Ezhukone Village.  
(By Adv. P. K. Raveendran)

Respondent : State represented by the Assistant Public  
Prosecutor- I, Kottarakkara

Heard, perused the records and passed the following:

**ORDER**

1. This is an application filed by the petitioner/ 1<sup>st</sup> accused in the aforesaid case, seeking an order of this Court to give direction to the Passport Officer to renew his passport. The offences alleged are under sections 341, 294(b) and 323 r/w 34 of IPC.
2. The petitioner, who is the first accused in the present case, respectfully submits that she is the holder of Passport bearing No.C2651072. The petitioner is exempted by this court and now renewal of her passport is essential since she wants to abroad to live with her son. However, in view of the pendency of the present criminal proceedings before this Hon'ble Court, the renewal process can only be undertaken with the Court's permission. Denial of such permission would cause serious hardship and irreparable loss to the petitioner. Hence, the petitioner respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue appropriate directions to the Passport Officer to permit renewal of her passport.

3. Heard the counsel for the petitioner and the Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor. Learned Assistant Public prosecutor stated no objection to allowing the petition.
4. In this case, the reason behind the renewal of passport is to travel abroad since she is going to abroad to live with her son. The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in *Umesh vs Union of Indian and Another, 2019 KHC 4848*, wherein it is held that the pendency of a criminal case is not a bar to renewal of passport if the applicant obtains permission from criminal court concerned to travel outside India.
5. Considering that the present case pertains to an incident from the year 2019, and that the first accused is already enlarged on bail, coupled with the fact that the final disposal of the case is likely to take considerable time, and the first accused is permanently exempted, this Court is of the view that the permission sought by the petitioner deserves to be allowed in the interest of justice. The reasons stated in the application appear to be bona fide, and in order to advance the ends of justice, permission is hereby granted for the renewal of the petitioner's passport for a period of three years. The mere pendency of the present criminal proceedings shall not be treated as a bar for the said renewal.
6. Hence, CMP allowed. Permission is granted to renew the passport of the petitioner, if the application is otherwise in order, for three years.

Pronounced in open court on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

Sd/-

Judicial Magistrate of the 1<sup>st</sup> Class-I, Kottarakkara.

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