

Order below Exh. 326 in Spl. MCOCA Case No. 39/2018

1. This is an application filed by the accused Nitin Dashrath Dangat for permission to renew his passport bearing No. H3342556. The prosecution has opposed this application by filing say thereon contending that the accused would abscond if he is allowed to renew the passport. The copies of his passport, Adhar card and the affidavit are filed on record. The learned advocate appearing on his behalf has relied upon the rulings in *Mangala Kasturi vs CBI [2021 0 Supreme (SC) 992]*, *Cyrus Balsara vs Union of India [2024 SCC OnLine Bom 1085]*, *Narendra Ambawani vs Union of India [2014 (4) Bom. C.R. 281]* and the order of the Hon'ble High Court in Civil Writ Petition No. 14116/2024 decided on 14/01/2025, in support of his submission that the prayer for renewal of passport can be allowed even in pending of a criminal case.

2. Having considered the prayer and the ruling cited by the learned advocate, it is a prayer for only renewal of passport and not for permission to go abroad. According to me, the renewal of passport can be allowed as per the rule by putting the accused on terms to inform this court whenever he decides to go abroad on the basis of that passport. Hence, I hold that this application can be allowed. Hence, the order.

ORDER

1. The application is allowed.

2. The accused **Nitin Dashrath Dangat** is permitted to renew his passport No. H3342556 by complying with the relevant rules.

3. The accused shall inform this court and shall take prior permission of this court while going abroad on the basis of renewed passport.

Date: 09/10/2025

(S.R. Salunkhe)
Spl. Judge (MCOCA), Pune.