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CBI Vs. SURYA VINAYAK INDUSTRIES LTD
RC0742023E0006
CBI/BSFB/DELHI

17.04.2026

Present: Ms. Priya Gaur, Ld. PP for the CBI.
Sh. Yash Agarwal, Sh. Kushal and Ms. Muskan
Aggarwal, Ld. Counsel for the applicant/accused.

1. Vide this Order, this Court shall decide the application moved on behalf of applicant/accused Sanjay Jain seeking no objection to the renewal of passport for the period of 10 years.
2. The applicant avers that he is the holder of Indian passport bearing no. Z7932443. The said passport has expired on 29.07.2025. The applicant now wants to get his passport renewed from the Authority, for which he would be required to submit an NOC from the Court. It is submitted that in cases where a criminal matter is pending, the passport is renewed/issued for the period mentioned in the NOC, but if no period is specified, the passport shall be issued for a period of one year only, as per the notification issued by the Ministry of External Affairs. However, the issuance of passport every year is a cumbersome process, as the applicant will be required to move similar applications year after year, which will consume a lot of valuable judicial time and shall also cause great hardship to the applicant. It is prayed that in view of the above, NOC may be issued to the applicant for renewal of passport for the full validity period i.e. 10 years, as is permissible under the Passports Act. Ld. Counsel for the applicant has placed reliance on the order of the Hon'ble High

Court of Delhi dated 28.08.2023 in *Pradyumn Ahuja vs. State of NCT of Delhi (Crl. M.C. 4486/2023)*, wherein the Court had directed the passport authorities to renew the passport of the petitioner, for a regular period of 10 years.

3. Reply to the application has been filed on behalf of CBI, wherein objection has been raised by CBI on the ground that the accused/applicant is the mastermind of the bank fraud and may flee the jurisdiction of the Court, if permitted to renew his passport for the full validity period.

4. It is further submitted that in all the other cases, the applicant/ accused has been allowed renewal of passport for a period of 10 years, by the concerned Courts.

5. Heard. Perused. Considered.

6. It is a matter of record that the applicant is facing trial for commission of grave offences. However, the law permits for issuance of passport, even to persons who are facing trial for commission of any offence and has left the discretion regarding the period for which passport may be issued/renewed, to the Court.

7. The present matter is at an initial stage and the trial is likely to take a long time. Needless to state, the applicant shall not leave the territory of India without seeking prior permission of this Court. Hence, renewal of passport for a period of ten years shall not affect the trial or the rights of the prosecution in any manner. On the other hand, a great hardship may be caused to the applicant, if he is asked to move the Court, every year for renewal of his passport.

8. In view of the discussion above, this Court is of the considered opinion that the application deserves to be allowed and this Court does not have any objection, if passport of the applicant/ accused Sanjay Jain, is renewed by the Passport Authority for the maximum validity period of ten years. The Passport Authority shall however consider the application for renewal as per applicable rules, independent of the NOC granted by this Court.

9. The applicant shall not leave the territory of India without being admitted to bail and without seeking prior permission of this Court.

10. The applicant shall also place his renewed passport on Court record, within 5 days of its receipt.

11. The application stands disposed of, accordingly.

12. Copy of this Order be given dasti to the applicant/ accused, as prayed for.

(NEETU NAGAR)
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