

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

**FRIDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL REVISION CASE NO: 131 OF 2026

Criminal Revision Case filed under Section 438 & 442 of BNSS against the Order dated 29/01/2026 made in CrI.M.P.No.27 of 2026 in CC.No.1634 of 2024 on the file of the Court of the VI Additional Metropolitan Magistrate medchal Malkajgiri District.

Between:

Dalovai Purnachandar, S/o. Komaraiah, Aged about 39 years, Occ: Research Scientist, R/o H. No. 6-103/1, Khanapur village and Mandal, Warangal district, Presently R/o. China, Rep, by GPA Dalvai Gopi, S/o. Komaraiah, Aged about 28 years, Occ Pvt. Employee, Rio. H. No. 6- i 03/1, Khanapur village and Mandal, Warangal district.

...Petitioner /Accused No.1

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep by its PP High Court Building at Hyderabad by Through WPS Uppal

...Respondent No.1/Complainant

2. Regional Passport Officer, Ministry of External affairs


...Respondent No.2

3. Assistant Consular Officer, CGI Shanghai

...Respondent No.3

I.A. NO: 1 OF 2026

Petition under Section 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased .to, Suspend the operation of the Order dated 29/01/2026 passed in CrI.M.P.No.27 of 2026 in C.C.No.1634 of 2024 on the file of the court of the VI Additional Metropolitan



Magistrate, Medchal Malkajgiri District, and further given direct on to the Regional Passport Office, Hyderabad i.e. respondent No. 2 and also in Assistant Consular Officer, CGI shanghai in China i.e. respondent No. 3 to grant permission for renewal of Passport No. N 7986712 of petitioner vide Application No.ARN No. 25-2055163255 in the interest of justice.

Counsel for the Petitioner : Ms. E Roja Ramani

Counsel for the Respondent No.1 : Public Prosecutor

The Court made the following: ORDER

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT
HYDERABAD**

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL REVISION CASE No.131 of 2026

DATE: 20.02.2026

Between:

Dalovai Purnachandar

.... Petitioner /
Accused No.1

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court Building at Hyderabad
Through WPS Uppal and 2 others.

.... Respondents/
Complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Revision Case is filed by the petitioner-
Accused No. 1 seeking to set aside the order dated 29.01.2026
passed in CrI.M.P. No. 27 of 2026 in C.C. No. 1634 of 2024 by
the learned VI Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, Medchal-
Malkajgiri District.

2. The petition in CrI.M.P. No. 27 of 2026 in C.C. No. 1634 of 2024 was filed by the petitioner-Accused No. 1 under Section 6(2)(f) of the Passports Act, 1967 before the trial Court seeking permission for renewal of his passport bearing No. N7986712, which is due to expire on 23.02.2026. The trial Court, after hearing both sides and upon perusal of the material available on record, dismissed the said petition on the ground that the petitioner was not cooperating with the trial Court and had not appeared before the Court after filing of the charge sheet. Aggrieved thereby, the present revision has been filed.

3. Heard Ms. E. Roja Ramani, learned counsel for the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner-Accused No.1 is working as a Research Scientist in China under a research work certification in the designation of Post-Doctoral Researcher. He further submitted that the observation of the trial Court that the petitioner did not appear after filing of the charge sheet is erroneous. As per the e-Courts status, the petitioner had appeared before the Court even after filing of the charge sheet and that the petitioner pertains only to renewal of the passport, which is expiring on 23.02.2026, and

that as per the judgments of the Hon'ble Apex Court, there is no absolute bar on permitting renewal of a passport merely on account of pendency of criminal proceedings. Hence, he prayed the Court to allow the Criminal Revision Case.

5. Having considered the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and in view of the judgment of the Hon'ble Apex Court in **Mahesh Kumar Agarwal v. Union of India & Anr.**¹, this Court is of the opinion that the mere pendency of criminal proceedings cannot be a ground to curtail the statutory validity period of a passport. Accordingly, the order dated 29.01.2026 passed in Crl.M.P. No. 27 of 2026 in C.C. No. 1634 of 2024 by the learned VI Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, is hereby set aside. The petitioner is directed to deposit the renewed passport before the trial Court within a period of one week from the date of renewal. In the event the petitioner intends to travel abroad, he shall file an appropriate application before the trial Court furnishing the travel itinerary. Upon such application being filed, the trial Court shall consider the same and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.

¹ SLP (Civil) No.17769 of 2025

6. In the result, the Criminal Revision Case is disposed of.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

N CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO,
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The VI Additional Metropolitan Magistrate medchal Malkajgiri District.
 2. The Station House Officer, WPS Uppal, Rachakonda
 3. One CC to MS. E ROJA RAMANI, Advocate [OPUC]
 4. Two CCs to the Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad (OUT)
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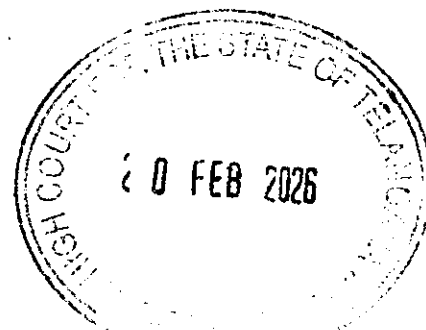
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 20/02/2026

ORDER

CRLRC.No.131 of 2026



DISPOSING OF THE CRLRC

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