



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION**

CR. WRIT PETITION NO. 3906 OF 2022

Ammeet K AgarwalPETITIONER
V/S
State Of Maharashtra And AnrRESPONDENT

**CORAM : HON'BLE JUSTICE REVATI MOHITE DERE
&
HON'BLE JUSTICE SHARMILA U.
DESHMUKH, JJ**

DATE : 24th March, 2023

P.C. :

Due to paucity of time, stand over to 23/06/2023. Interim order, if any, to continue till then.

(FOR REGISTRAR JUDICIAL - I)



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HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE PRITHVIRAJ K.
CHAVAN, JJ**

DATE : 24th January, 2023

P.C. :

Due to paucity of time, stand over to 24/03/2023. Interim order, if any, to continue till then.

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**CORAM : HON'BLE JUSTICE REVATI MOHITE DERE
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CHAVAN, JJ**

DATE : 5th December, 2022

P.C. :

Due to paucity of time, stand over to 02/02/2023. Interim order, if any, to continue till then.

(FOR REGISTRAR JUDICIAL - I)



*IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION*

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 3906 OF 2022

Ameet K. Agarwal ... Petitioner
v/s.
The State of Maharashtra & ors. ... Respondents

Mr. V.H. Narvekar for the Petitioner.
Mr. Y.M. Nakhwa, APP for the State.

*CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE &
R.N.LADDHA, JJ.*

DATE : 14th NOVEMBER 2022

P.C. :

Heard learned Counsel for the Petitioner.

2. Learned Counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner was appointed as a Honorary Consul by the Democratic of Republic of Congo in Mumbai on 18th March 2017. Learned Counsel relied on the said appointment as reflected in the official Gazette of India dated 18th March 2017. He submitted that till date on the list of Honorary

Consuls , the Petitioner is shown as Honorary Consul of Congo in Mumbai. In this connection, learned Counsel relied on Exhibit 'B' at page-54 and in particular page-73 of the petition. He further submitted that even today i.e. as late as 9th September 2022, the Dy. Director, DRI, Mumbai Zonal Unit has addressed a letter dated 9th September 2022 to the Petitioner addressing him as a Honorary Consul of Republic of Congo. Learned Counsel has tendered a copy of said letter dated 9th September 2022. He further submits that despite the same, it is the case of the prosecution, that the Petitioner's status as a Consul General was withdrawn way back as in December 2017 and that despite the same, the Petitioner is continuing to act as a Consul General, which is contrary to the documents on record. Learned Counsel further submits that the Petitioner has neither received any intimation nor any notification in any official Gazette in support of the same i.e. withdrawal of his status as the Consul General of the Republic of Congo.

3. Learned APP seeks time to take instructions.

4. Stand over to **5th December 2022.**

5. In the meantime, till the next date, the proceeding pending before the trial Court is stayed.

R.N. LADDHA, J.

Lata Panjwani, P.S.

REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.