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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M. NIRMAL KUMAR

**WMP CrI. No. 100 of 2026
in W.P.CrI.No.1103 of 2025**

S.Suresh Settu Erusagounder
S/o.Erusagounder,
Permanently Residing at 26/C-23,
Kamanaicken Patty,
Salem -636 005
Temporarily residing at
2-1-6 1st Floor, Menara KLH Jalan Kasipillay
Kualalumpur,
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WP Kualalumpur

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Government of India
Rep by Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
Raisina Hill ,
New Delhi-110 001
2. Government of India
Rep by Ministry of External Affairs,
No.68, College Road,
EVK Road, Sampath Malaigal, 7th Floor,
Nungambakkam, Chennai-606 006
3. Regional Passport Officer
Office of the regional Passport Officer,
navins Presidium,
No.103, Nelson Manickam Road,
Aminijikarai,
Chennai-600 029
4. District revenue Officer/Special Officer
Office of the Collectorate of Salem,



5. The Learned Special Judge
TNPID Act, Financial Establishment Court,
Coimbatore

6. The Superintendent of Police
Economic Offences Wing,
Ashok nagar, Police Training College Campus,
Chennai

7. The Deputy superintendent of Police
Economic Offences Wing II,
Salem

..Respondent(s)

Writ Miscellaneous Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to extend the time limit passed by this Court in W.P.Crl.No. 1103/2025 dated 16.10.2025 by extending further time to the petitioner to appear before the Learned Special Judge (TNPID) Court, Coimbatore, the 5th respondent herein in the case bearing Case No. C.C.No. 13/2015.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.E.C.Ramesh
for Ms.N.Lavanya

For Respondent(s): Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This petition has been filed to extend the time limit passed by this Court in W.P.Crl.No.1103/2025 dated 16.10.2025.



2. The petitioner had filed a Writ Petition in W.P.CrI.No.1103/2025 before this Court seeking direction to the respondents 1 to 3 to receive and process the application of the petitioner for online passport and process the passport of the petitioner. Further, it is seen that the petitioner is an accused who is facing trial in C.C.No.13 of 2015, pending before the Special Judge (TNPID) Court, Coimbatore. In the said writ petition, this Court vide order dated 16.10.2025, had considered the petitioner's undertaking of depositing a sum of Rs.71,18,446/- and granted time for a period of two months to deposit the same. Despite six months has been passed from the date of the order, so far the petitioner had not deposited the said amount.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that in the meanwhile the petitioner's passport and VISA got expired and he was constrained to stay back in Malaysia. He further submitted that even now, the petitioner is ready to deposit the said sum of Rs.71,18,446/-.

4. Considering the submissions made, this Court grants further time to the petitioner to deposit the sum of Rs.71,18,446/-, to be deposited within a period of one week. On such deposit being made by the petitioner, the trial Court shall not insist upon the petitioner's personal appearance in the proceedings in C.C.No.13/2025, pending on its file. The petitioner is at liberty to deposit the aforesaid amount through his father or authorized representative or his counsel.



5. The petitioner apprehends that due to the impending election, carrying such a huge amount would be an obstacle. It is made clear that, carrying the aforesaid amount by the petitioner or his representative, shall not be doubted or withheld, as this amount has to be deposited in the case for the benefit of the depositors.

6. List the matter on 15.04.2026 for reporting compliance.

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