



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

WP No. 27665 of 2026

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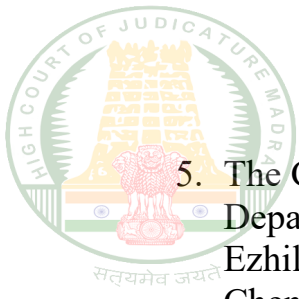
WMP NO. 30333 OF 2026

R.Ketheeswaran
S/o Ramasamy
No 51K /4, Rajeswari complex,
Kamarajar Nagar,
Bharathi Street,
Pothanur, Paramathivelur Taluk,
Namakkal District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary to Government
Union of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs
North Block, New Delhi 110 001.
2. The Secretary to Government
Union of India,
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block,
New Delhi 110 001
3. The Regional officer
Foreigners Regional Registration Office
Chennai
No 26 Shastri Bhawan Annex
Haddows Raod,
Nungambakkam, Chennai 600 008.
4. The Secretary to Government
State of Tamil Nadu,
Home Department,
Fort St. George,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.



5. The Commissioner
Department of Rehabilitation
Ezhilagam, Chepauk,
Chennai 600 005.

6. The District collector
Namakkal District,
Namakkal 637 001.

7. The Superintendent of Police
Namakkal District,
Namakkal 637 001.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to direct the respondents herein to consider the representation of the petitioner made on 07.08.2025 by treating the same as an application made under Section 5, 6(1) (c) of citizenship Act 1955 by granting citizenship to the petitioner in accordance with law in a time frame.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.J.Selvarajan

For Respondent(s): Mr.G.Babu, CGSC FOR R1 TO R3
Mr.P.Elayarajkumar, Govt.Counsel, R4 to R6
Mr.Durai Gunasekar, G.A (Crl.Side) for R7

Order

This Writ Petition has been filed to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 07.08.2025 by treating the same as an application made under section 5, 6(1) (c) of citizenship Act 1955 for granting citizenship to the petitioner in accordance with law.

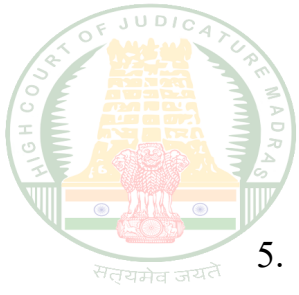
2. The petitioner and his family came to India as refuge during 1991 and settled in India permanently. After settling in India, the petitioner got married



and have a male child. The respondents insisted that petitioner ought to leave India to Sri Lanka and then may return back to India with fresh visa. Petitioner would submit that he is entitled and eligible to get citizenship as per the Citizenship Act, 1955 and therefore, on 07.08.2025 he made a representation to the respondents seeking citizenship. Since no order has been passed by the respondents, the petitioner is before this Court.

3. At the outset, learned Central Government Standing Counsel for respondents 1 to 3 would submit that the above representation of the petitioner would be considered and orders would be passed. He further submit that the respondents may be given with liberty to call for necessary documents while considering the representation of the petitioner.

4. In view of the same, taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the limited relief sought for in this Writ Petition, there shall be a direction to the respondents to consider the representation dated 07.08.2025 submitted by the petitioner on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after issuing notice and after affording reasonable opportunity of hearing to petitioner and any other interested persons within a period of two weeks from the date of uploading of web copy without waiting for receipt of certified copy of the order. The petitioner is directed to submit the necessary documents including the Indian passport stated to be in possession of the petitioner, at the time of enquiry.



5. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

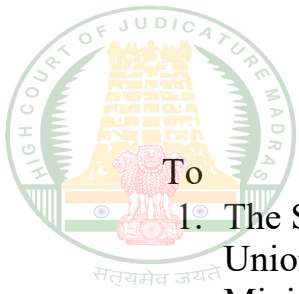
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