

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE VILAS V.AFZULPURKAR

W.P.No.35953 of 2015

ORDER:

Heard.

The petitioner is aggrieved by the inaction of the 2nd respondent in considering his request for renewal of his passport. The petitioner states that he received letter, dated 19-09-2014, wherein he was asked to furnish the particulars with regard to Cr.No.327/13 stated to have been registered against him and he was called upon to submit explanation/clarification with respect to other aspects as mentioned in the said letter. The petitioner states that under a letter, dated 14-10-2014, he has submitted a detailed reply inter alia stating that on a private complaint, the said FIR was registered and the suit filed by the complainant was already dismissed and that mere pendency of criminal case is not a ground to refuse to consider the request for renewal and placed reliance on the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***MENAKA GANDHI Vs. UNION OF INDIA***^[1]. The said reply has been served on the 2nd respondent under his acknowledgment. The grievance of the petitioner is that till today, his request for renewal of his passport remains unconsidered.

Learned Assistant Solicitor General appearing for respondents 1 and 2 submits that the 2nd respondent would consider the petitioner's application on its own merits and pass appropriate orders.

In view of that, the 2nd respondent is directed to consider the petitioner's request, as above, along with reply submitted by him on 14-10-2014, referred to above, and take appropriate decision expeditiously, preferably within four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ petition is, accordingly, disposed of. No order as to costs.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this writ petition shall stand closed.

VILAS V.AFZULPURKAR, J

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[\[1\]](#) AIR 1978 SC 597

