

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 15.12.2017

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.RAVICHANDRABAABU

Writ Petition No.32690 of 2017

V.Ramesh Babu Pakala

..Petitioner

Vs.

The Regional Passport Officer,
The Regional Passport Office,
Sastri Bhavan,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai - 600 034.

.. Respondent

PRAYER: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondent herein to conduct proper enquiry regarding reissue of passport vide No.M1067687570714 dated 16.12.2016 pending from 16.12.2016 onwards and consider the same within a stipulated period.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Sivakumar

For Respondents : Mr.T.V.Krishnamachari,
Senior Panel Counsel

ORDER

Mr.T.V.Krishnamachari, learned senior panel counsel takes notice for the respondent. By consent of the parties, the main writ petition itself is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2. The petitioner seeks for a Mandamus directing the respondent to conduct enquiry and reissue the seized passport to the petitioner based on his application dated 16.12.2016.

3. It is stated that the petitioner's passport was seized, based on an allegation that a fake Italian Visa was stamped in the petitioner's passport.

4. This Court, at this stage, is not expressing any view on the merits of the claim made by the petitioner as it is for the respondent to consider and decide. Therefore, without expressing

any view on the merits of the claim made by the petitioner, this Court directs the respondent to consider the application of the petitioner dated 16.12.2016 on merits and in accordance with law and pass orders on the same within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar (CS VII)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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The Regional Passport Officer,
The Regional Passport Office,
Sastri Bhavan,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai - 600 034.

+1cc to Mr.R.Siva Kumar, Advocate SR.No.90539

+1cc to Mr.T.V.Krishnamachari, Advocate SR.No.89658

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