

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS  
DATED : 27.08.2018  
CORAM  
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.MAHADEVAN  
W.P.No.21888 of 2018

S.Dhamodaran

...Petitioner

Vs

1. The Chief Passport Officer,  
CPV Division,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Room No.8,  
Patiala House, Tilak Marg,  
New Delhi 110 001.

2. The Regional Passport Officer,  
Regional Passport Office,  
Royola Towers, No.2 and 4<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Old No.785, New No.188,  
Anna Salai,  
Chennai 600 002.

...Respondents

PRAYER : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent to renew the passport in Passport No.G7878641, which was filed before the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent on 03.04.2008 (expired on 02.04.2018).

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Kannan Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.Poonam Chopra  
Central Government Standing Counsel

ORDER  
सत्यमेव जयते

By consent of both the parties, the Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2.The petitioner has filed this Writ petition, seeking a direction to the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent to renew the passport in Passport No.G7878641, which was issued on 03.04.2008, as the same expired on 02.04.2018. The petitioner had also made a representation for renewal of the Passport on 05.06.2018, vide File No.MA1071239410118, and Token No.N553 before the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent and the same has not been renewed.

3.Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.Poonam Chopra, learned Central Government Standing Counsel who takes notice for the respondents.

4.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and having regard to the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side, the petitioner's renewal application dated 05.06.2018 shall be considered on merits and in accordance with law, after affording an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner. Such an exercise shall be completed within a period of four (4) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

Sd/-  
Assistant Registrar(CS VIII)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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+1cc to Mr.P.Kannan Kumar, Advocate, S.R.No. 58481

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rrs 12/09/2018