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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED: 23.04.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P.(MD) No.8876 of 2018

R.Venkataswamy

... Petitioner

vs.

The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
Clarat Plaza,
Melakkal Main Road,
Kochadai,
Madurai.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to consider the renewal application of the petitioner of 10.04.2018 for the renewal of his old passport number G4691775 within a stipulated time.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.M.Arumugam

For Respondent : Mr.V.Kathirvelu

Additional Solicitor General
assisted by Mr.Prabhu

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Mr.Prabhu, learned counsel, takes notice for the respondent.

2. By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

3. It is the grievance of the petitioner that his application dated 10.04.2018 seeking for renewal of his old passport bearing number G4691775, has not been considered by the respondent till date and therefore, he has filed the present writ petition.

4. This Court has not expressed any of its view with regard to the merits of the application made by the petitioner. It is needless to point out that whenever an application of this nature is made, the respondent is duty bound to consider the same in one way or the other. Non-consideration of the same would amount to dereliction of ordinary duties of their office and as such, this Court would be justified in invoking its powers conferred under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to direct them to consider the petitioner's application within a stipulated time.



5. In view of the limited prayer sought for in this writ petition, there shall be a direction to the respondent to consider the petitioner's application dated 10.04.2018 on its own merits and take further action in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
Clarat Plaza,
Melakkal Main Road,
Kochadai,
Madurai.

+1cc to M/S.C.M.Arumugam, Advocate SR.No. 63446
+1cc to M/S.Prabhu, Advocate SR.No. 63063

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