

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 05.11.2019

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.D. AUDIKESAVALU

W.P. No. 16205 of 2019

R. Ramachandran

... Petitioner

-Vs-

1. The Joint Secretary (PSP) and CPO
CPV Division Ministry of External Affairs
Room No.8, Patiala House
Tilak Marg
New Delhi - 110 001.

2. The Regional Passport Officer
Ministry of External Affairs
Regional Passport Office
Royala Towers
Nos. 2 & 3, 4th Floor
Old No. 785, New No. 158
Anna Salai
Chennai - 600 002.

... Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issue of Writ of Mandamus, directing the Regional Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, Regional Passport Office, Royala Towers, Nos. 2 & 3, 4th Floor, Old No. 785, New No. 158, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002 to issue a Passport to the Petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr. S. Ramachandran

For Respondents: Mr. K. Raju
Central Government Standing Counsel

O R D E R

The Petitioner is aggrieved by the refusal of the Second Respondent to issue passport to him on account of pendency of criminal proceedings against him in respect of certain offences alleged to have been committed by him.

2. When it is pointed out by the Learned Central Government Standing Counsel appearing for the Respondents that the Petitioner has to produce an order from the Criminal Court, where the proceedings are pending against him, permitting him to depart from India, while submitting his application for issuance of passport, relying on the notification No. G.S.R. 570(E) dated 25.08.1993 issued by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in the exercise of powers under Section 22(a) of the Passports Act, 1967, Learned Counsel for the Petitioner seeks permission of this Court to withdraw the Writ Petition with liberty to resort to that procedure and has made an endorsement to that effect, which is recorded.

3. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is dismissed as withdrawn granting such liberty. No costs.

Sd/-

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