



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 24.06.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P (MD) No.13102 of 2022

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
Bharathi Ula Street,
Race Course Road,
Madurai - 625 002.

2.The Inspector of Police,
B4, Kottampatti Police Station,
Melur - 635 1003,
Madurai.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 1st respondent to issue passport to the petitioner by considering his application dated 20.04.2022 in File No.MD1074138077322.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.V.Arun

For Respondents : Mr.L.Victoria Gowri,
Assistant Solicitor General for R1
Mr.M.Ramesh Arumugam,
Government Advocate for R2.

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2.The petitioner was holding an Indian passport. He seeks renewal of the same. Since the petitioner got involved in a criminal case, the first respondent did not process the petitioner's application. It is now stated by the learned Government Advocate for the second respondent that the criminal case is pending only at the FIR stage. It has been held time and again that pendency of a criminal case at the FIR stage cannot be an impediment for processing the petitioner's request for issuance of passport. Therefore, the first respondent is directed to issue passport to the



petitioner by considering the petition mentioned application subject to fulfilment of other formalities.

3.The writ petition is allowed accordingly. No costs.

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Assistant Registrar(CS-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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3. The Assistant Solicitor General of India,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

+1 CC to M/s.SPL.GP (SR-28203[F] dated 27/06/2022)

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