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W.P.(MD)NO.15087 OF 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 13.07.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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Senthilkumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Regional Passport Officer,
Office of the Regional Passport Office,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Madurai.

2. The Superintendent Enquiry Officer,
The Regional Passport Office,
Madurai Bharathi Ula Veethi,
Race Course Road,
Madurai-625 002.

3. The Inspector of Police,
Ramanathapuram Bazaar Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st and 2nd respondents to issue passport on the petitioner's application with File No.MD-1074089026922 dated 01.04.2022 based on the petitioner's representation sent to the 1st and 2nd respondents dated 27.06.2022 within a time frame as stipulated by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.L. Prabhu

For R-1 & R-2 : Mr.Narayan Ram,
Central Government
Standing Counsel.

For R-2 : Mr.G. Sivaraja,
Government Advocate.

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ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2. The writ petitioner submitted an application to respondents 1 and 2 seeking issuance of passport. Since a criminal case has been registered against the petitioner, his application is not being processed. The third respondent clarifies before this Court that the case registered against the writ petitioner is pending only at the FIR stage. Therefore, there is no impediment for processing the petition mentioned application. The second respondent is directed to process the petition mentioned application and issue passport to the petitioner subject to fulfilment of the usual formalities.



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

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