



W.P(MD)No.15240 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 14.07.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
Municipal Water Tank Building,
W.B. Road,
Trichirappalli.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Vadakadu Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.

... 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 renew the petitioner's passport bearing No.TR1073904532122 and consequently issue the renewed passport to the petitioner on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 04.07.2022 within the stipulated time fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.T.Sasidharan Tamilkani

For Respondents : Mr.K.Maharajan,
Central Govt. Standing Counsel for R1.
Mr.M.Sarangan,
Addl. Government Pleader for R2



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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 Additional Government Pleader 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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