



W.P.(MD)No.16444 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 27.07.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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M.Ravi Kumar

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The Regional Passport Officer,
Office of the Regional Passport Officer,
Bharathiula Street,
Alagarkovil Road,
Madurai.

2.The Superintendent of Police,
Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Madurai.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Usilampatti Taluk Police Station,
Usilampatti.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the first respondent to issue the passport of the petitioner in T0495912, without the refereeing to the criminal case in Crime No. 289 of 2016 on the file of the third respondent.



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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Ramsundarvijayraj

For Respondents : Mr.H.Velavadass
Senior Panel Counsel for R.1

Mr.K.Balasubramani
Special Government Pleader for R.2 & R.3

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 Special Government Pleader for the third 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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