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W.P.(MD)NO.19248 OF 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 23.08.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P.(MD)No.19248 of 2022

Rajendran

... Petitioner

Vs.

1 The Regional Passport Officer,
Plot No. A5, Salai Road and
Shasthri Road Junction,
Thillai Nagar, Trichy.

2 The State Rep. By,
The Inspector of Police,
K.Pudupatti Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to renew the petitioner's passport No.K0874810 and to issue Passport vide the petitioner's application No. TR2074412448322, dated 18.07.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Rameshkumar

For R-1 : Mr.S.Jeyasingh,
Special Panel Counsel.

For R-2 : Mr.N.Ramesh Arumugam,
Government Advocate.



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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 Government Advocate appearing 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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