



W.P(MD)No.20315 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 30.08.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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Pradeesh

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Secretary to Government,
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi – 110 011.

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

3.The Assistant Passport Officer,
Passport Seva Kendra,
Tirunelveli.

4.The Inspector of Police,
Aralvoimozhi Police Station,
Aralvoimozhi,
Kaniyakumari District.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd and 3rd respondents to issue a passport to petitioner by considering his passport application vide file No.MD2064441794722.



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For Petitioner : Mr.N.Pragalathan

For Respondents : Ms.B.Deepa,
Central Govt. Standing Counsel for R1 to R3.
Mr.R.Sivakumar,
Government Advocate (Crl. Side) for R4.

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2.The writ petitioner submitted an application to the second respondent seeking issuance of passport. Since a criminal case has been registered against the petitioner, his application is not being processed. The fourth 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.

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

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Aralvoimozhi Police Station,
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