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W.P.(MD)NO.20185 OF 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 29.08.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P.(MD)No.20185 of 2022

Karunakaran Selvaraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
Koodal Pudur police station,
Madurai City, Madurai.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent to issue police clearance certificate by considering the petitioner's application in File No.MD1074375599322 dated 06.7.2022 on the file of the 1st respondent in the light of the Judgment passed by this Court and issue Passport to the petitioner within a time frame that may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.R.Kannan

For R-1 : Mr.M.Prakash,
Additional Government Pleader.

For R-2 : Mr.R.Sivakumar,
Government Advocate.

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ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2. The petitioner is a holder of Indian passport. He seeks renewal of the same. He had filed an application in this regard.

3. 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 renewal of passport. Therefore, the first respondent is directed to renew the passport to the petitioner by considering the petition mentioned application subject to fulfilment of other formalities.



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

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