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W.P.(MD)NO.27600 OF 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 13.12.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P.(MD)No.27600 of 2022

Nithiyanantham

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
Tiruchirapalli, New Municipal Complex,
Thillai Nagar 7th Cross,
Tiruchirapalli - 620 018.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Vadakadu Police Station,
Vadakadu, 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 passport No.J4330780 to the petitioner by processing his application in File No.TR2073998559322 based on the explanation / representation dated 07.06.2022 within a time limit stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.E.Balasubramanian

For R-1 : Mr.V.Malaiyendran,
Central Government
Standing Counsel.

For R-2 : Mr.R.Sivakumar,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side).

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**ORDER**

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Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2, The petitioner is a holder of Indian passport. The validity period had expired. The petitioner applied to the authorities for renewal of passport. On account of the pendency of the criminal case, the application is not being processed. That led to the filing of this writ petition.

3. It is not in dispute that the criminal case against the petitioner is pending only at the FIR stage. Therefore, there is no impediment for renewing the passport.

4. In this view of the matter, the first respondent is directed to renew the passport to the petitioner at the earliest subject to fulfilment of the other usual formalities.

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

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