

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT****DATED: 16.12.2022****CORAM****THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN****W.P.(MD)No.27803 of 2022**

K.Arunkumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
Madukkur Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
(Crime No. 92 of 2019)

... 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 issue the petitioner's passport vide Application No.TR1064131181922 dated 18.04.2022 within the time frame to be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Muthukamatchi

For R-1 : Mr.G.Rajaraman,
Central Government
Standing Counsel.

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

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ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2.The writ petitioner submitted an application to the first respondent seeking issuance of passport. Since a criminal case has been registered against the petitioner, his application is not being processed. The second 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 first respondent is directed to process the petition mentioned application and issue passport to the petitioner subject to fulfilment of the other usual formalities.

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

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