



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 22.11.2023

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

WP(MD)No.25329 of 2023

Azhakar Bhavanandam

... Petitioner

V.

1.The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
New Municipal Complex, Thillai Nagar,
Trichirappalli.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Orathanadu Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondent No.1 to issue the Passport to the petitioner considering the application in File No.TR1075059697523 dated 10.02.2023 within the time stipulate by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Pragadeesh Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.K.Kuthalanathan for R1

Mr.A.Albert James

Government Advocate (crl.side) for R2



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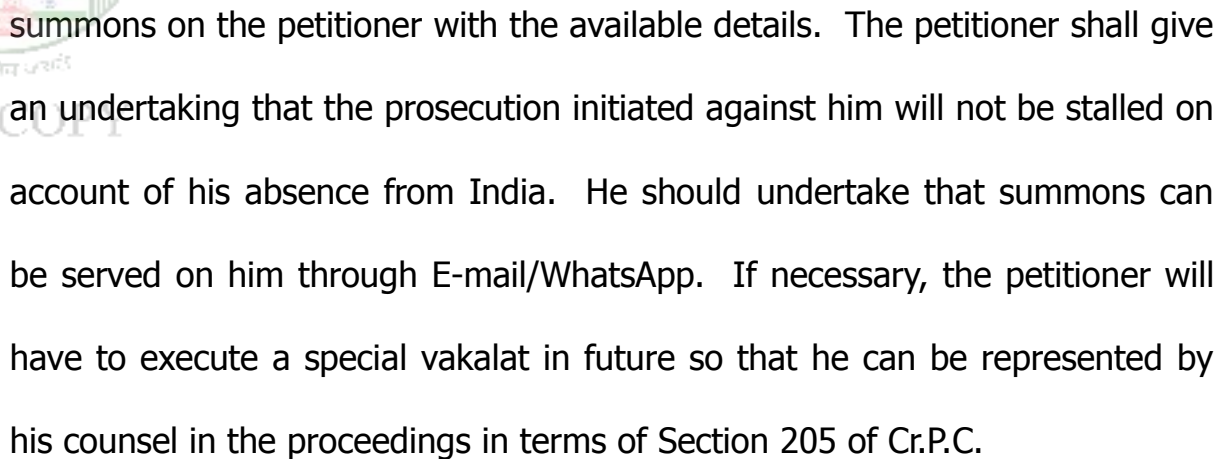
Heard both sides.

2.The petitioner seeks issuance of passport. He has submitted an application before the jurisdictional passport officer. Apprehending that it may not be processed in view of his involvement in a criminal case, the present writ petition came to be filed.

3.When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) submitted that the criminal case registered against the petitioner is pending at the FIR stage.

4.It is well settled that when the case is pending only at the FIR stage, there is no impediment for the Regional Passport Officer to grant relief.

5.The petitioner has to appear before the jurisdictional police and file an affidavit indicating his contact details. The petitioner apart from furnishing his residential address must also give his WhatsApp mobile number, e-mail ID. This is because, if any adverse final report is filed and the same is also taken on file by the jurisdictional criminal court, it should be possible to serve



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