



W.P(MD)No.26717 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 29.11.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P(MD)No.26717 of 2023

and

W.M.P.(MD)No.22974 of 2023

Manickam Natarajan

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Commissioner of Police,
Madurai City, Madurai.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Avaniyapuram Police Station,
Madurai City, Madurai.

4.The Inspector of Police,
Annanagar Police Station,
Madurai City, Madurai.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records pertaining to the order issued by the 1st respondent in



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Letter Ref.No.IMP/315700969/23 dated 08.09.2023 and quash the same as illegal.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.P.Krishna Doos

For Respondents : Mr.R.Senthil Kumar,
Central Govt. Standing Counsel for R1.
Mr.A.Albert James,
Government Advocate for R2 to R4.

ORDER

Heard both sides.

2.The petitioner is holder of Indian passport. It was impounded for the reason that an adverse police report was subsequently received. That led to the filing of this writ petition.

3.I called upon the learned Government Advocate to catalogue the cases in which the petitioner is involved. It is seen that all the cases are having political background and none of them are serious. I am clearly of the view that they are absolutely insufficient to warrant impounding the petitioner's passport. The impugned proceedings are quashed. The



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writ petition is allowed. The petitioner's passport shall be returned immediately and without any delay. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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NCC : Yes/No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes/ No
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To:-

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- 2.The Inspector of Police,
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Madurai City, Madurai.
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