



W.P.No.10314 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 17.04.2024

CORAM :  
**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM**

**W.P. No.10314 of 2024**  
**and**  
**W.M.P.No.11315 of 2024**

Venkatramana Varadharajan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Ministry of External Affairs,  
Regional Passport Office,  
Coimbatore.
2. The Regional Passport Officer,  
The Regional Passport Office,  
Corporation Commercial Complex 1<sup>st</sup> floor,  
Thandumariamman Kovil Opposite,  
Avinashi Road,  
Coimbatore – 641 018.

...Respondent

**Prayer:** Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, for issuance of writ of Certiorari, calling for the records of the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent pertaining to his communication dated 29.02.2024 in Reference No.SCN/317213869/24 and quash the same.

For Petitioner  
For Respondents

: Mr.K.S.Karthik Raja  
: Mr.K.Srinivasamurthy  
Senior Panel Counsel



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## **ORDER**

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The order passed by the Regional Passport Officer, Coimbatore dated 29.02.2024, asking the petitioner to surrender the Original Passport is under challenge in the present writ petition.

2. It is not in dispute that criminal case has been registered against the petitioner under the provisions of the Dowry Prohibition Act and Indian Penal Code on the file of All Women Police Station, Thiruverambur, in Crime No.20/2023 dated 01.11.2023.

3. Mr.K.Srinivasamurthy, learned Senior Panel Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents would submit that arrest warrant has been issued against the writ petitioner. Therefore, the Passport Officer asking the petitioner to surrender the Passbook.

4. Since arrest warrant has been issued, the petitioner is bound to surrender the Passbook. If at all the petitioner wants to secure any relief, he is at liberty to approach the jurisdictional Criminal Court of law for appropriate remedy.



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5. However, it is made clear that the petitioner is bound to surrender the Original Passbook immediately to the Regional Passport Office, Coimbatore.

6. Accordingly, this Writ Petition stands **dismissed** at the admission stage itself. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index : Yes/No  
Speaking Order : Yes/No  
Neutral Citation : Yes/No  
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