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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 27.03.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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Palanimurugan

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Inspector of Police,
Elanyankudi Police Station,
Ramanathapuram.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 20.03.2024 to issue fresh passport in file No.MD1064727303922 dated 01.11.2022 pending before the first respondent office within a stipulated time that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner	: Mr.B.Mahendrarajan
For R-1	: Mr.K.Maharajan Central Government Standing Counsel
For R-2	: Mr.A.Albert James Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

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Heard both sides.

2. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Standing Counsel for the first respondent submits that the petitioner's application has since been closed.

3. The petitioner is permitted to submit a fresh application. 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 summons on the petitioner with the available details. The petitioner shall give an



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undertaking that the prosecution initiated against him will not be stalled on account of his absence from India. He should undertake that summons can be served on him through E-mail/WhatsApp. If necessary, the petitioner will have to execute a special vakalat in future so that he can be represented by his counsel in the proceedings in terms of Section 205 of Cr.P.C.

6. Upon the passport authority being satisfied that such an undertaking affidavit has been filed before the jurisdictional police, the jurisdictional Regional Passport Officer shall process the petition-mentioned application and issue passport subject to fulfilment of the other usual formalities. This Writ Petition is allowed on these terms. There shall be no order as to costs.

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