



W.P.(MD).No.7560 of 2024

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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Abdul Bari

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Regional Passport Officer,
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Regional Passport Office,
Bharathi Ula Veethi,
Race Course Road,
Madurai - 625 002.

2.The Superintendent of Police,
Dindigul District,
Dindigul.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Oddanchatram Police Station,
Dindigul District,
Dindigul.
(Crime No.22/2014)

4.The Inspector of Police,
Rettiyarchatram Police Station,
Dindigul District,
Dindigul.
(Crime No.298/2015)

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to consider the application of the petitioner seeking issuance of Passport bearing



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Application Reference No.23-1003961813, dated 28.03.2023 and issue passport in favour of the petitioner within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Antony Arulraj
For R-1 : Mr.K.Asok Kumar Ram
For R-2 to R-4 : Mr.A.Albert James
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

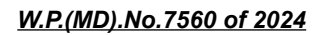
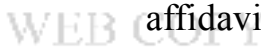
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Heard both sides.

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.



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.

NCC : Yes / No
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