



W.P.(MD) No.15381 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 03.09.2024

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CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR

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S.Deepa

...Petitioner

-VS-

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

2.The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.

...Respondents

[second respondent is impleaded vide order dated 03.09.2024]

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent herein to issue a new passport to the petitioner based on her application in file No.MD3066633316124 dated 1.06.2024 within a time frame as fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner	: Mr.P.Jessi Jeeva Priya
For R1	: Mr.Karthikeya Venktachalapathy
For R2	: Mr.M.Vaikkam Karunanithi
	Government Advocate (Crl.side)



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ORDER

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



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