



**W.P(MD)No.15974 of 2024**

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

**DATED: 01.08.2024**

**CORAM**

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN**

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R.Babu Rayappan

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Inspector of Police,  
Marthandam Police Station,  
Kanyakumari District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to reissue passport in favour of the petitioner on the basis of petitioner's passport Application No. MD2076171505924 dated 17.01.2024 within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Pandi Dorai

For Respondents : Ms.G.Vidhyamaheswaran  
Central Government Standing Counsel  
for R.1



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Mr.A.Albert James  
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)  
for R.2

### **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 (Criminal Side) submitted that the criminal case registered against the petitioner has since been charge sheeted and it has been taken on file in C.C.No.780 of 2022 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.1, Kulithurai.

4.The petitioner is given liberty to move the trial Court for the relief now sought for. As and when such miscellaneous petition is filed, it shall be numbered and disposed of within a period of three weeks



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thereafter. The learned trial Judge shall bear in mind that right to travel abroad is a fundamental right. The petitioner's career and avocation may be at stake if he is denied the right to go abroad. Therefore, the trial Court unless there are extraordinary circumstances shall not deny relief. Of course, the period of validity of passport will have to be restricted. It is also open to the trial Judge to stipulate appropriate conditions to ensure that the prosecution is not stalled on account of the petitioner's absence from India. If necessary, the applicant can be directed to file an application under Section 205 of Cr.P.C by executing a special vakalat.

5. Based on the order passed by the trial Court, the petitioner shall move the jurisdictional regional passport officer who shall dispose of the petition-mentioned application in terms of the said order.

6. This writ petition is disposed of accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs.

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