



W.P.(MD) No.26239 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 30.10.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR

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Albert Raj

...Petitioner

-VS-

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

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

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to issue fresh passport vide application in file No.MD2066750811324 dated 15.07.2024 by considering the petitioner's explanation dated 21.08.2024.

For Petitioner	: Mr.A.Balaji
For R1	: Mr.R.Ganesh Kumar
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 has since been charge sheeted and it has been filed on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Eraniel in C.C.No.178 of 2024.

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 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



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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. No costs.

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