



W.P.No.9135 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 19.03.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY**

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R. ULAGAVOOZHIAN

... Petitioner

Vs

REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER,
REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE,
CHENNAI ROYALA TOWERS,
NO. 2 AND 3, IV FLOOR,
OLD NO. 785, NEW NO. 158,
ANNA SALAI, CHENNAI – 600 002.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent herein to consider the petitioner's application in File No. MA1076930357124 dated 06.09.2024 to renew his passport bearing No. B3005834.

For Petitioner : Ms.S.Annakkodi

For Respondent : Ms.N.K.Nithilavani
Central Government Counsel



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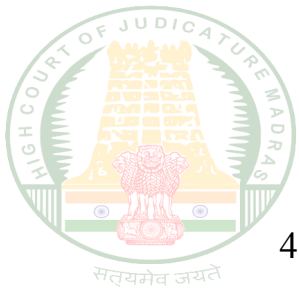
ORDER

WEB COPY The petitioner has made an application to renew his passport bearing No.MA1076930357124 dated 06.09.2024.

2. Upon hearing the learned Counsel for the parties and perusing the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition and the other connected records, it can be seen that upon receipt of an adverse police report, the petitioner's passport is not renewed. It is seen that a criminal case against the petitioner is pending in CC No. 4196 of 2015 on the file of the learned 23rd Metropolitan Magistrate, Chennai.

3. It is now well settled by the Division Bench of this Court¹ that the pendency of the criminal case need not be taken into account for the purpose of renewing the passport. However, the concerned person will take the permission of the concerned court, if he wants to go abroad.

¹ The Regional Passport Officer Vs. Samsudeen Mohamed Salih in W.A.No.902 of 2023 dated 02.06.2023.



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4. In view thereof, the Writ Petition stands disposed of on following

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(i) The respondent shall consider the application in File No. MA1076930357124 dated 06.09.2024 and renew the passport of the petitioner *dehors* the pendency of the criminal case, if there is no other impediment.

(ii) The said exercise shall be completed within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the web copy of the order without waiting for the certified copy of the order.

(iii) The petitioner shall take permission of the learned 23rd Metropolitan Magistrate, Chennai in CC No. 4196 of 2015, if he has to leave abroad. No costs.

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