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WP No. 20725 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12-06-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

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1. L.Jainulabudeen Sikkanthar
S/o Sikkanthar, No -16 Kitha Bath
Khan Street, Ellis Road, Mount Road,
Chennai 600 002

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The 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

2.The Deputy Director
Directorate Of Revenue Intelligence,
Chennai Zonal Unit, 27 G.N. Chetty
Road, T. Nagar, Chennai 600 017

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issuance of writ of Mandamus directing the 1st Respondent to issue passport to the



petitioner based on application dated 22.11.2024 pending in File No MA1077144880124, within a time frame and pass orders.

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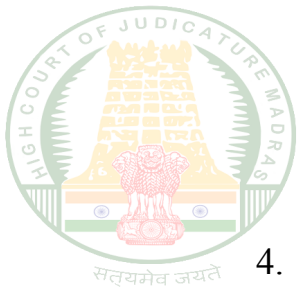
For Petitioner(s): Mr.C.Narendren
For Respondent(s): Mr.B.Ramprabu
Additional Central Government
Standing Counsel for R1

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for the issue of writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent to issue passport to the petitioner based on application submitted by the petitioner on 22.11.2024.

2. Heard Mr.C.Narendran, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.B.Ram Prabu, learned Additional Central Government Standing Counsel for 1st respondent.

3. The application submitted by the petitioner before the 1st respondent seeking for issuance of passport was not acted upon since a case has been registered against the petitioner for alleged offence under Section 135 of the Customs Act. According to the petitioner, till date, the investigation has not been completed and continues to remain in the FIR stage and therefore, there is no justification on the part of the 1st respondent to deny issuance of passport by acting upon the application submitted by the petitioner.



4. In the considered view of this Court, the criminal case that was registered against the petitioner is yet to get the status of a “case pending” since no complaint has been filed and therefore, there can be no restriction for the 1st respondent to deal with the application and to issue passport to the petitioner, if he has otherwise satisfied all the other requirements.

5. In view of the above, there shall be a direction to the 1st respondent to process the application submitted by the petitioner on 22.11.2024 and issue the passport if he has otherwise satisfied all the other requirements. This process shall be completed within a period for four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. This writ petition is disposed of with the above directions. No costs.

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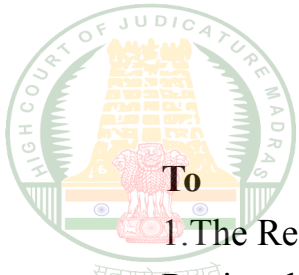
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