

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26-06-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

WP No. 22937 of 2025

AND

WMP NO. 25774 OF 2025

1. Anandhan Rajangam
S/o.Rajangam, No.4/40A, Vadakku
Theru, Kariyanur Post,
Veppanthattai Taluk, Perambalur
District.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By Its Secretary To
Government, Home Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009.

2.The Inspector Of Police
Ramanatham Police Station,
Perambalur District.

3.The Regional Passport Officer
Plot No.A5, Salai Road And
Shastri Road Junction, Thillai
Nagar, Thiruchirapalli.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issuance of writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the order of the 3rd respondent in Letter Reference No.OBJ / 320298747/24 dated



19.12.2024 quash the same and consequently direct the 3rd respondent to issue passport to the petitioner in accordance with law.

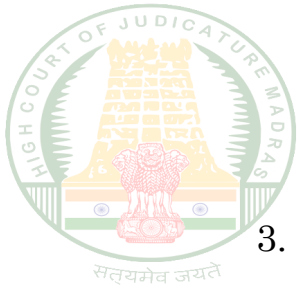
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For Petitioner(s): M/s.T.Dharani
For Mr.C.Veda Bagath Singh
Respondent(s): Additional Government
Pleader for R1
Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph
Selvam
Government Advocate [CrI
Side] for R2
Mr.J.Rajesh, Central
Government standing
Counsel for R3

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the impugned communication dated 19.12.2024 issued by the 3rd respondent and for a consequential direction to the 3rd respondent to act upon the application submitted by the petitioner and to issue passport to the petitioner.

2. Heard M/s.T.Dharani, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.C.Veda Bagath Singh, learned Additional Government Pleader for 1st respondent and Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam, learned Government Advocate [CrI Side] for 2nd respondent and Mr.J.Rajesh, Central Government standing Counsel for 3rd respondent.



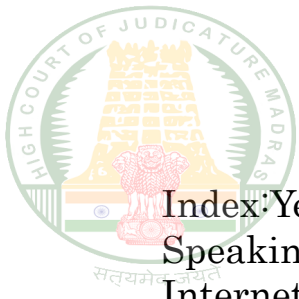
3. The learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the 2nd respondent submitted that an FIR has been registered in Crime No.261 of 2021 for offence under Section 294(b), 323, 506(i) of IPC and that the investigation is pending till date. The learned Government Advocate further submitted that the petitioner has been added as A1 in the FIR.

4. In the considered view of this Court, the mere registration of an FIR cannot be a ground to reject the issuance of passport to the petitioner. The criminal case at the stage of an FIR is not a “case pending” and therefore, there shall be a direction to the 3rd respondent to act upon the application submitted by the petitioner and issue the passport to the petitioner, if the petitioner has satisfied all the other requirements, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. This writ petition is disposed of with the above directions. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index:Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Internet:Yes

Neutral Citation:Yes/No

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