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W.P.No.22324 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

W.P.No.22324 of 2025

Prashanna Ramanujacharai Madhavan

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1.Regional Passport Office
Coimbatore 1st Floor
Corporation Commercial Complex
Opp. Thandumariamman Koil
Avinashi Road, Coimbatore 641 018

2.The Inspector of Police
AWPS, Vadapalani
Chennai
Crime No.2/2022

.. Respondents

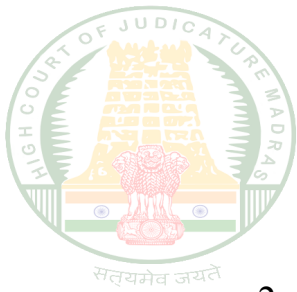
Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the 1st respondent to renew/reissue the passport to the petitioner based on his application in file No.CB1077512712525 within a time frame stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Karthikeyan

For 1st Respondent : Mr.G.Subramanian
Central Government Counsel

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for the issue of a writ of mandamus directing the 1st respondent to act upon the application submitted by the petitioner, wherein, the petitioner has sought for renewal/reissue of passport.



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2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Central Government Counsel, appearing on behalf of the 1st respondent and perused the materials placed on record.

3. An FIR came to be registered against the petitioner and others in AWPS-Vadapalani P.S.Crime No.2/2022 which resulted in the petitioner and others facing trial before the Special Court in Spl.S.C.No.121/2022. Ultimately, the case ended in acquittal by judgment dated 02.12.2024.

4. The petitioner applied for reissue/renewal of passport before the 1st respondent and the 1st respondent issued a notice/communication dated 04.04.2025 to the petitioner, calling upon the petitioner to submit an explanation about the pendency of the criminal case in Crime No.2/2022. The petitioner gave an explanation dated 11.04.2025 to the 1st respondent explaining that the criminal case has already ended in acquittal and the petitioner also submitted a copy of the judgment passed by the Special Court.

5. The grievance of the petitioner is that even thereafter, the 1st respondent is seeking for repeated explanation, even after being informed that the criminal case



has already ended in acquittal. It is under these circumstances, the present writ petition has been filed before this Court.

6. In the considered view of this Court, the criminal case instituted against the petitioner has already ended in acquittal, by virtue of the judgment dated 02.12.2024 passed in Spl.S.C.No.121/2022, on the file of the Magalir Neethimandram (Fast Track Mahila Court), Tiruvallur. In view of the same, the 1st respondent has to consider the application submitted by the petitioner, as if there is no criminal case pending against the petitioner and the 1st respondent cannot independently seek for one explanation after the other regarding the criminal case.

7. In the light of the above discussion, there shall be a direction to the 1st respondent to process the application and renew/reissue the passport to the petitioner, if the petitioner satisfies all the other requirements, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

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