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WP No. 25337 of 2021



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 10-06-2025**

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**THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH**

**WP No. 25337 of 2021**

**AND**

**WMP NOs. 26752 and 26753 OF 2021**

1. Ashok Jayendar  
S/o.Arumugam Palanisamy, Door  
No.159, 8th Street, Ganapathy Pudur,  
Coimbatore (North), Coimbatore.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Government of India  
Ministry of External Affairs, New  
Delhi.

2.The Regional Passport Officer  
O/o. The Regional Passport Office  
(Coimbatore), Coimbatore 1st Floor,  
Corporation Commercial Complex,  
Opp. Dandumari Amman Kovil,  
Avinashi Road, Coimbatore- 18.

Respondent(s)

**PRAYER**

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issuance of



writ of Certiorari to call for the records relating to the letter dated 15.11.2021 in Letter Ref. No. SCN / 311747619 / 21 of the 2nd Respondent herein and quash the same and pass orders.

For Petitioner(s): M/s. Sa.Kanmani  
For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Subbu Ranga Bharathi  
Central Government Counsel  
for Mr.P.R.Ramesh  
Senior Panel counsel for R1 and  
R2

### **ORDER**

This writ petition has been filed challenging the communication dated 15.11.2021 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent wherein the passport that was issued to the petitioner was sought to be cancelled and the petitioner was directed to surrender the passport on the ground that an FIR is pending in Crime No.602 of 2018.

2. Heard Mr.Sa.Kanmani, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.K.Subbu Ranga Bharathi, learned Central Government Counsel, for Mr.P.R.Ramesh, learned Senior Panel counsel for Respondents 1 and 2.

3. In the considered view of this Court, the mere registration of an FIR cannot be constructed as a case pending and the law on this issue is now too well settled. Hence, the very issuance of the notice by the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent is



unsustainable and such a notice has been issued mainly on the ground that an FIR is pending in Crime No.602 of 2018 and the investigation has been completed and the final report has not been taken on file.

4. In the light of the above discussion, the impugned communication of the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent dated 15.11.2021 is hereby quashed and this writ petition stands allowed. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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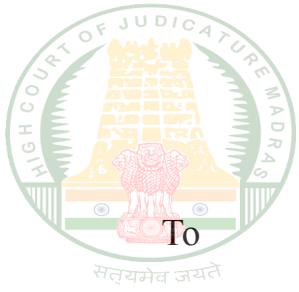
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