



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-08-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

WP No. 29787 of 2025

S.Raja

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1.Government Of India
Ministry Of External Affairs
Rep. By Regional Passport Officer
Regional Passport Office
Tiruchirapalli, New Municipal
Complex, Thillainagar, 7th Cross,
Tiruchirappalli- 620 018.

2.The Inspector of Police
Jayankondam Police Station,
Ariyalur District.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

To call for the records relating to the impugned order of the 1st respondent made in letter Ref.No.OBJ/1049661476/25 dated 24.07.2025, quash the same and consequently directing the 1st respondent to renew the passport of the petitioner.



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For Petitioner(s): Mr.N.Abiragan

For Respondent(s): M/s.MP.Jaisha, CGSC, GOI

For R1

Mr.V.Meganathan

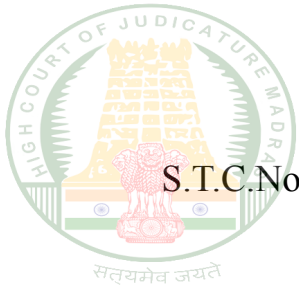
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

For R2

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the impugned communication dated 24.07.2025 issued by the 1st respondent and for a consequential direction to the 1st respondent to renew the passport of the petitioner.

2. The learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the 2nd respondent submitted that an F.I.R (First Information Report) came to be registered against the petitioner in Crime No.426 of 2022 by the Jayankondam Police Station, Ariyalur. On completion of investigation, the case is now pending before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.1, Jayankondam in



S.T.C.No.327 of 2025.

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2. Heard Mr.N.Abiragan, learned counsel for the petitioner, M/s.MP.Jaisha, learned Central Government Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the 1st respondent and Mr.V.Meganathan, learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing on behalf of the 2nd respondent.

3. In the considered view of this Court, the mere pendency of a criminal case is not a ground for rejecting the renewal of a passport. The law in issue was confirmed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in the case of ***The Regional Passport Officer, Shastri Bhavan, Chennai vs. Samsudeen Mohamed Salih*** (W.A.No.902 of 2023 dated 02.06.2023). This Court made it clear that such permission is required only where the accused person wants to leave the country.

4. In view of the above, there shall be direction to the 1st respondent to process the application submitted by the petitioner on 18.07.2025 and renew the



passport for regular period, if the petitioner has satisfied with all other requirements. It is made clear that if the petitioner wants to leave the country, he has to get the permission of the concerned Court, where the criminal case is pending.

5. This Writ Petition is disposed of with the above directions. No costs.

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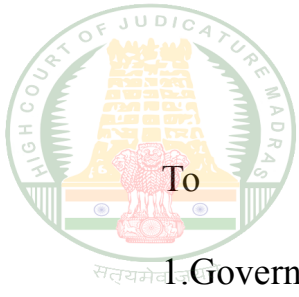
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