



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26-12-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP No.50467 of 2025

Vignesh
S/o M.Saravanan
1st Floor, AGR Villa Anand Nagar
8th Cross Street, Thoripakkam
Chennai-600 097

Petitioner

Vs

1. Union of India
Rep. by its Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs,
74B South Block, New Delhi-110011
2. Public Grievance Cell Officer
PSP Division
Ministry of External Affairs
Room No.24, Patiala House
Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001
- 3.The Regional Passport Officer
W8FM, 99J, Post Office
Passport Seva Kendra, HPO
Arcot-Kanchipuram Road
Ranipet-632 401
4. The Regional Passport Officer
Chennai Royala Towers No.2 and 3
IV Floor, Old No.785, New No.158
Anna Salai, Chennai-600 002
5. State of Tamilnadu
Rep.by its Inspector of Police
Tiruvannmalai Town Police Station



Thiruvannamalai.

Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 4 to issue Fresh Passport to the petitioner as per Application No.MAB066001431125 dated 17.11.2025 within a time frame as fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner: Mr.M.Saravanakumar

For Respondents: Mr.K.B.Arul
Central Government Standing
Counsel for R1 to R4

ORDER

The petitioner seeks a direction to the respondents 1 to 4 to issue a passport to him. The petitioner is a software engineer working with a multi-national company. During the course of his work, he is called upon to travel abroad. Hence he applied for issuance of a passport to the third respondent. The third respondent sought for a clarification from the fourth respondent. The clarification was as regards a criminal case that has been filed against him in Crime No.366 of 2024 by the fifth respondent. The petitioner states that the final report was filed and the same has been taken on file before the Judicial Magistrate-I, Thiruvannamalai as C.C.No.953 of 2025. He pleads that the case is still at the stage of trial. On account of the pressing necessities of work, he requires the passport and hence has filed this writ petition.

2. I heard Mr.K.B.Arul for the respondents 1 to 4. I have gone through the



papers and carefully considered the submissions of both sides.

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3. For the mere fact that a criminal complaint is pending does not mean that the petitioner should be barred from receiving a passport. The petitioner shall file an appropriate application before the learned Judicial Magistrate-I, Thiruvannamalai in C.C.No.953 of 2025 seeking permission of the Court to leave the country. In the event of the application being allowed, the respondents 1 to 4 on the said basis shall issue the passport.

4. The writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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Index:Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Internet:Yes
Neutral Citation:Yes/No

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