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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 02.04.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH

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D.Senthilkumaran

: Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Regional Passport Officer,
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Regional Passport Office,
New Municipal Complex,
Thillainagar 7th Cross,
Tiruchirappalli - 6.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Vedaranyam Police Station,
Vedaranyam,
Nagapattinam District.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to issue a renewal of Passport to the petitioner based on the application No.TR01C5087599923 dated 14.09.2023 within a stipulated time limit as fix by this Honourable Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Srinivasaragavan



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For Respondents : Mr.R.Senthil Kumar

CGSC for R1

Mr.K.Gnanasekaran

Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for R2

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking the issuance of a writ of mandamus, directing the first respondent to renew the petitioner's passport based on application No. TR01C5087599923, dated 14.09.2023.

2.The petitioner has made an application in File No. TR01C5087599923, for renewal of passport. However, upon receiving an adverse police verification report, the first respondent refused to issue the passport. Hence, this Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner.

3. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.) appearing for the second respondent, on instructions, submitted that Crime No.380 of 2022 culminated in laying charge sheet in C.C.No.89 of 2023 before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Vedaranyam, Nagapattinam District.



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4. Heard the learned counsels on either side and carefully perused the entire materials available on record.

5. The petitioner is given liberty to move the learned Judicial Magistrate, Vedaranyam, for the relief now sought for. As and when such miscellaneous petition is filed, it shall be numbered and disposed of within a period of three weeks thereafter. The learned Trial Judge shall bear in mind that right to travel abroad is a fundamental right. The petitioner's career and avocation may be at stake if he is denied the right to go abroad. Therefore, the learned Trial Court unless there are extraordinary circumstances shall not deny relief. Of course, the period of validity of passport will have to be restricted. It is also open to the learned Trial Judge to stipulate appropriate conditions to ensure that the prosecution is not stalled on account of the petitioner's absence from India. If necessary, the applicant can be directed to file an application under Section 228 of Bharatiya Nyaya Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, by executing a special vakalat.

6. Based on the order passed by the learned Trial Court, the petitioner shall move the jurisdictional Regional Passport Officer who



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shall dispose of the petition~mentioned application in terms of the said order.

7. This Writ Petition is allowed on the above terms. There shall be no order as to costs.

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