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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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M.Santhosh

: Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Regional Passport Officer,
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Regional Passport Office,
Bharathi Ila Veethi,
Race Course Road,
Madurai - 625002.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Melur Police Station,
Melur, Melur Taluk,
Madurai District.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to issue the passport to the petitioner in reference to the file No.MD1067219694724 dated 17.12.2024 and letter Ref. No.SCN/320499987/25 dated 15.01.2025 pending on the file of the first respondent by considering the petitioner's representation dated 26.02.2025.

For Petitioner : Mr. N.Mohamed Ayyadurai

For Respondents : Ms.M.Anbarasi



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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 issue the passport to the petitioner in reference to the file No.MD1067219694724 dated 17.12.2024 and letter Ref. No.SCN/320499987/25 dated 15.01.2025, pending on the file of the first respondent, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 26.02.2025.

2.The petitioner has made an application on 17.12.2024, for issuance 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.22 of 2024 culminated in laying charge sheet before the Additional District and Sessions (PCR) Court, Madurai.



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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 Additional District and Sessions (PCR) Court, Madurai, 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.



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6. Based on the order passed by the learned Trial Court, the petitioner shall move the jurisdictional Regional Passport Officer, who 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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Internet : Yes / No

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3. The Additional District and Sessions (PCR) Court, Madurai.

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