



**W.P.(MD)No.10478 of 2025**

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**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

**DATED : 21.04.2025**

**CORAM:**

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH**

**W.P.(MD)No.10478 of 2025**

**and**

**W.M.P.(MD)No.7830 of 2025**

L.Ralf Grand Madhan

... Petitioner

-VS-

1.The Regional Passport Officer,  
Regional Passport Office,  
Madurai.

2.The Inspector of Police,  
Anjugramam Police Station,  
Kanyakumari.  
(In Cr.No.41/2018)

... Respondents

**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the impugned order dated 20.02.2025 in FCL/320784751/25, passed by the first respondent, quash the same and consequently, direct the first respondent to re-issue/re-new the petitioner's Passport bearing No.M1153999.

For Petitioner

: Mr.M.Dineh Hari Sudarsan

For R1

: Mr.M.Mahendra Prabhu  
Central Government Standing Counsel



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For R2

: Mr.K.Gnanasekaran  
Government Advocate (Criminal side)

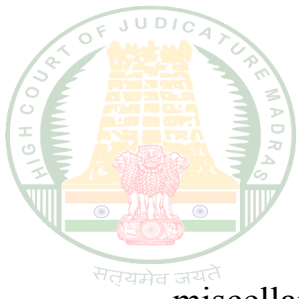
**ORDER**

Heard both sides.

2. The petitioner seeks to quash the impugned order of the first respondent dated 20.02.2025 and also seeks to re-issuance of passport. He has submitted an application before the jurisdictional passport officer. Apprehending that it may not be processed in view of his involvement in a criminal case, the present writ petition came to be filed.

3. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the second respondent submitted that a criminal case has been registered against the petitioner in Crime No.41 of 2018 for the offence under Section 153-A of I.P.C., on the file of the second respondent and the same has culminated in laying a charge sheet in C.C.No.58 of 2023 before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.III, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District.

4. In view of the above said submissions, the petitioner is given liberty to move the trial Court for the relief now sought for. As and when such



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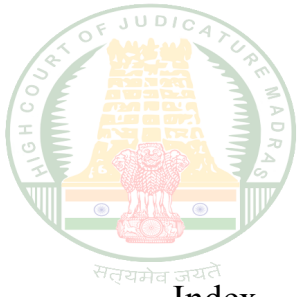
miscellaneous petition is filed, it shall be numbered and disposed of within a period of three weeks thereafter. The learned trial Judge shall bear in mind that right to travel abroad is a fundamental right. The petitioner's career and avocation may be at stake, if he is denied the right to go abroad. Therefore, the trial Court unless there are extraordinary circumstances shall not deny the 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 the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, by executing a special Vakalat.

5. Based on the order passed by the 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.

6. This Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

NCC : Yes / No

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**VIVEK KUMAR SINGH, J.**

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