



W.P.(MD) No. 18449 of 2025

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 08.07.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

**W.P.(MD) No. 18449 of 2025
and
W.M.P.(MD) No.14150 of 2025**

R.Bharathi Selvan

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
Tiruchirappalli New Municipal Complex,
Thillai Nagar 7th Cross,
Tiruchirappalli - 620018.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Mannargudi Town Police Station,
Thiruvarur District.

3. The Inspector of Police,
Thanjavur Town South Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records pertaining to the impugned notice issued by the first respondent, dated 19.03.2025 and quash



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the same as illegal and consequently, direct the first respondent to return the petitioner's passport as a valid Passport within the time stipulated by this Court.

For petitioner : Mr. S.Ramakrishnan

For respondents : Mr.V.B.Sundhareshwar
Central Government Standing Counsel for R1
Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi
Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for R2 & R3

ORDER

This Writ Petition is disposed of at the time of admission with the consent of the learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Central Government Standing Counsel for the first respondent and learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondents 2 and 3.

2. The petitioner appears to be a senior citizen aged about 68 years, who has been proceeded by the respondents 2 and 3 for various offences in at least five difference cases under the provisions of IPC and now under the provisions of BNS, as detailed below:



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S.No	Crime Number	Offences	Police Station
1.	794 of 2024	Sections 189(2), 126(2) of BNS	Mannargudi Town Police Station, Thiruvarur District
2.	262 of 2022	Sections 143, 188, 285, 269 and 270 of IPC	Thanjavur Town South Police Station, Thanjavur District
3.	1241 of 2021	Sections 143, 285, 269, 270, 271 of IPC and Section ED Act, 1897 and 51(b) of DM Act, 2005	Mannargudi Town Police Station, Thiruvarur District
4.	219 of 2021	Sections 143 & 270 of IPC	Mannargudi Town Police Station, Thiruvarur District
5.	3398 of 2020	Sections 143, 341 and 270 of IPC	Mannargudi Town Police Station, Thiruvarur District

3. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the second respondent submits that in respect of the first and second cases mentioned above, the charge sheet has been filed on 06.07.2025 before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Mannarkudi and learned Judicial Magistrate-I, Thanjavur, respectively.

4. Considering the fact that the cases are now pending before the concerned



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Court, there cannot be a positive direction for quashing the impounding of the passport, *vide* order, dated 19.03.2025. However, it is open for the petitioner to move suitable application before the respective Courts for retrieving the passport, if no serious case is made out against the petitioner in Crime No.794/24 and Crime No.262/22, in respect of which the respective charge sheets have been filed on 06.07.2025, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Mannarkudi and before the learned Judicial Magistrate-I, Thanjavur, respectively, for the offences specified therein.

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

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes / No
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2. The Inspector of Police,
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