



W.P.(MD) No. 19159 of 2025

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 16.07.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

W.P.(MD) No. 19159 of 2025

V.Manikandan

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
Pattukottai Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
(Crime No.166/2025).

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the first respondent to reissue the passport to the petitioner by vide application TR1077531649125, dated 03.04.2025 within the time frame to be fixed by this Court.

For petitioner : Mr. V.Muthu Kamatchi



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For respondents : Mr.M.Gnanagurunathan
Central Government Standing Counsel for R1
Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi
Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for R2

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 second respondent.

2. The petitioner has applied for a fresh passport on 03.04.2025 *vide* application TR1077531649125.

3. It appears that the petitioner is an accused person (A31) in an FIR registered by the second respondent police in Crime No.166 of 2025 dated 17.03.2025 for the offences under Section 189(2) and 126(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.



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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the second respondent confirms that although investigation has been completed, the charge sheet has not been filed.

5. It is noticed that the petitioner was involved in a protest on 17.03.2025 and is otherwise not involved in any serious offence. Considering the fact that no charge sheet has been filed till date, although the investigation has been completed, there shall be a direction to the first respondent to process the aforesaid passport application of the petitioner and issue the same to the petitioner within a period of two (2) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, in case the petitioner satisfies the other criteria, that are required under the Indian Passport Act, 1967 and Rules made thereunder.

6. It is made clear that the petitioner shall cooperate with the second respondent, in case the charge sheet is filed pursuant to the FIR registered in Crime No.166 of 2025, dated 17.03.2025.



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7. In case the petitioner fails to cooperate with the Law Enforcing Authority, the first respondent is at liberty to cancel the passport that is to be issued to the petitioner.

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

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