



W.P.(MD) No. 22566 of 2025

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 19.08.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

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M.Praveenkumar

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
Bharathi Ula Veethi,
Race Course Road,
Madurai District.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Rameswaram Town Police Station,
Rameswaram,
Ramanathapuram District.
Crime No.257 of 2024

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the first respondent herein to issue the passport in Application in File No.MD1067515493125, dated 04.08.2025 and thereby issue the passport to the petitioner within the time limit that may be stipulated by this Court.



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For petitioner : Mr. J.Vishnu

For respondents : M/s.Mahalakshmi

Central Government Standing Counsel for R1

Mr.M.Vaikkam Karunanithi

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 approached this Court for a Mandamus to direct the first respondent to issue passport to the petitioner by based on the petitioner's application in File No.MD1067515493125, dated 04.08.2025.

3. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the second respondent submits that the petitioner is the sole accused in Crime No.257/2024, dated 04.12.2024 for the offences under Section 4(1)(C) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition (Amendment) Act, 2024.



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4. It is submitted that the charge sheet has been filed by way of e-filing before the Judicial Magistrate Court, Rameswaram on 04.12.2024. However, the same has not been taken on file.

5. Considering the fact that the charge sheet has not been taken on file and no case is pending against the petitioner, there can be no impediment to direct the first respondent to process the passport application of the petitioner in File No.MD1067515493125, dated 04.08.2025. Therefore, there shall be a direction to the first respondent to process the aforesaid application of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. It is, however, made clear that in case, during the interregnum, the charge sheet is filed against the petitioner before the concerned Court, the petitioner shall on his own volition surrender the passport before the concerned Court and retrieve the same from the said Court as and when the petitioner desires to travel abroad.



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7. It is made clear that in case the petitioner fails to comply with any of the above stipulations, the second respondent is at liberty to seize the passport of the petitioner and deliver it before the concerned Court. It is also open for the first respondent to take steps to cancel the passport to be issued to the petitioner.

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

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