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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 04.12.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

W.P.(MD)No.26871 of 2025

M.Sumanraj

...Petitioner

Vs

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

2. The Inspector of Police,
Station,
Thoothukudi District.

Ottapidaram Police

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent to reissue/renew the Passport Bearing No. N7518546 to the petitioner by processing his application in File No.MD20755441303725 based on the explanation/representation dated 19.09.2025 within a time limit stipulated by this court.

For Petitioner : M/s.B.Anandan

For Respondents : M/s.S.Mariappan
Standing counsel for R1
Mr.S.Prakash
Government Advocate(crl.side) for R2



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ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed seeking a mandamus as against the first respondent to reissue the passport of the writ petitioner by considering his application dated 19.09.2025.

2. The learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) appearing for the second respondent submits that a criminal case has been registered as against the writ petitioner in Cr.No.148 of 2022 on the file of the second respondent. Investigation is pending and so far, charge sheet has not been laid.

3. This Court in a judgment reported in **2014 (8) MLJ 61** has categorically held that mere pendency of FIR is not a bar for considering the request for reissuance of the passport.

4. In view of the above said facts, the first respondent herein is directed to consider the request of the petitioner for renewal of the passport, if there is no other legal impediment and issue the passport within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



5. With the above said observations, this writ petition stands disposed of.

No costs.

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NCC : Yes/No
Index : Yes/No
Internet: Yes/No
RJR

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