



W.P.(MD).No.27271 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 05.12.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

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S.Santhakumar

...Petitioner

Vs

1. The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
KK Nagar,
Ramaond Reserve Line,
Madurai.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Poovanthi Police Station,
Poovanthi,
Sivagangai District.

3. The Commissioner of Customs,
New Customs House,
Chennai International Airport,
GST Road, Meenambakkam,
Chennai 600 016.

... Respondents

(R3 is impleaded vide order of this
Court dated 24.11.2025 in
W.M.P(MD) No.24849 of 2025 in
W.P(MD) No.27271 of 2025)



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to re-issue passport to the petitioner by considering the petitioner's application vide reference File No.MD1075531325725 and the petitioner's representation dated 17.09.2025 within the time limit fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner	: Mr.V.R.Shanmuganathan
For R1	: Mr.D.M.Balakrishnan Central Government Standing Counsel
For R2	: Mr.S.Prakash Government Advocate (Crl Side)

ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking a Mandamus as against the first respondent for issuance of passport based upon the petitioner's application dated 17.09.2025.

2. According to the learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner, when the petitioner had landed in Chennai International Airport, the customs Officer received his passport and checked his belongings and thereafter, during customs verification the officials have misplaced his passport. Therefore, he has also lodged a complaint for missing of the passport. Hence, he has made an application seeking renewal of passport. The police officials on verification informed him that a criminal case is pending as against him.



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3. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) appearing for the second respondent pointed out that a criminal case was pending as against the writ petitioner in C.C.No.261 of 2024 on the file of the District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Tiruppuvanam and the same has been quashed by the dedicated bench of this Court.

4. In view of the above said facts, the first respondent is directed to consider the application of the petitioner for re-issuance of passport within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above said observation, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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