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CNR: KAHC010263342026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

WRIT PETITION NO. 11980 OF 2026 (GM-PASS)

BETWEEN:

MR DEBAPRASAD BHATTACHARYA
S/O LATE SHRI SIBENDRA CHANDRA
BHATTACHARYA,
AGED ABOUT 73 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO. 25,
2ND CROSS, H.M.T. LAYOUT,
MATHIKERE,
BENGALURU 560054.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. VIDYASHREE K S.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. UNION OF INDIA
   REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY,
   MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
   SOUTH BLOCK,
   NEW DELHI 110011.

2. THE CHIEF PASSPORT OFFICER
   MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
   SOUTH BLODE
   NEW DELHI - 110066.

3. THE REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER
   REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE,
   8TH BLOCK, 80 FEET ROAD,

KORAMANGALA,
BENGALURU 560095.

4. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE
(PASSPORT VERIFICATION)
BENGALURU CITY POLICE,
BENGALURU 560001.

5. UNION OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF HOME
(MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS)
BY ITS SECRETARY,
JAI SINGH MARGH,
CONNOUGHT PLACE,
NEW DELHI 110001.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. RESHMA KT.,CGC FOR R1 TO R3, R5
SRI. HARISHA A S, AGA FOR R4)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 & 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECTING THE RESPONDENTS TO CONSIDER THE REPRESENTATION DATED 12.03.2026 ANNEXURE-G SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER IN A TIME-BOUND MANNER.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING IN 'B' GROUP, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.M. POONACHA

ORAL ORDER

The present writ petition is filed seeking for the following reliefs:

> *"1. Issue a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the Respondents to consider the representation dated 12.03.2026 [Annexure -G] submitted by the Petitioner in a time-bound manner;*
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> *2. Issue a writ in the nature of Mandamus to direct the Respondents to re-issue/renew the passport to the petitioner vide passport File No. BN1076548954524 of the Petitioner;*
> *3. Pass such other order/s as this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the interest of justice and equity."*

2. Although, the petitioner has sought for renewal of his passport and has made a representation dated 12.03.2026 in that regard, it is forthcoming that in the communication dated 25.11.2024 (Annexure-E to the writ petition), the Regional Passport Office has required the petitioner to furnish proof of his citizenship.

3. In the absence of the petitioner furnishing any documents of citizenship, no further relief can be granted in the present petition.

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MONNAPPA POONACHA

4. Accordingly, the present petition stands disposed of.

5. This order will not preclude the petitioner from availing substantive remedies in accordance with law.

6. Pending IAs., if any, stand disposed of.

Digitally Signed by CHEPPUDIRA MONNAPPA POONACHA

(C.M. POONACHA)
JUDGE

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