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NC: 2026:KHC:62127
WP No. 32868 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010720922026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 32868 OF 2026 (GM-PASS)

BETWEEN:

VIJAY P.
S/O PRAKASH P,
AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS,
R/AT NO.1379/57, VEERABARNANPALYA,
DODDABALLAPURA TALUK,
BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT
KARNATAKA - 561 203.

…PETITIONER

(BY SRI. IMRAN G., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
SHO OF DODDABALLPAURA TOWN PS
REP. BY HCGP
HIGH COURT BUILDING,
BANGALORE - 560 001.

2. REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE
NO. 45, PRESTIGE LIBRA,
NEAR URVASHI THEATRE,
LALBAGH MAIN ROAD, BENGALURU,
KARNATAKA - 560 027.
REP BY ITS. FRRO.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. A.S. HARISHA, AGA FOR R1

SRI. VIVEKANANDA, CGC FOR R2)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECT THE RESPONDENT NO.1 TO CONDUCT POLICE VERIFICATION IN RESPECT OF THE PETITIONERS PASSPORT APPLICATION BEARING APPLICATION REFERENCE NO.25-1067084759 DATED 30/11/2025 IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW, AND TO SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE RESPONDENT NO.2 WITHOUT REFUSING THE VERIFICATION MERELY ON THE GROUND OF PENDENCY OF THE CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST THE PETITIONER VIDE ANNEXURE-A ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, 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:

> *"a. Direct the respondent No.1 to conduct police verification in respect of the petitioners passport application bearing application reference No.25-1067084759 dated 30/11/2025 in accordance with law, and to submit the report to the respondent No.2 without refusing the verification merely on the ground of pendency of the criminal case against the petitioner vide Annexure-A.*
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> *b. direct the respondent No.2 to consider and dispose of the petitioner passport application in accordance with the passport act, 1967, the application Rules, notification and government instructions.*
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> *c. Pass any other order(s) which this court may deem fit and proper under the facts and circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity."*

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2. The petitioner has filed an application dated 30.11.2025 (Annexure-A to the writ petition) for issue of passport. The same not having been favourably considered by the respondents - authorities, the petitioner has filed the present writ petition.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents upon instructions submits that in the application filed by the petitioner he has stated that there are no criminal cases pending. However, upon verification the respondents authorities have noticed that a criminal case in Cr. No.0093/2022 is pending.

4. The fact that a criminal case is pending is not disputed by the petitioner.

5. Having regard to the fact that in the application filed by the petitioner for issuance of passport, the petitioner has not mentioned regarding the pending criminal case, the action of the concerned authorities in not favourably considering the said application cannot be faulted. Hence, no further orders are to be passed in the present petition.

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6. It shall be open to the petitioner to file a fresh application after disclosing the pendency of the criminal case within one week from today.

7. The respondents shall be at liberty to require the petitioner to comply with the necessary stipulations before favourably considering the application that may be filed by the petitioner.

8. The writ petition is ***disposed of*** in the aforementioned terms.

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(C.M. POONACHA)
JUDGE

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