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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 7719 of 2026

Sujee Devendran

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1.The Regional Passport Officer
The Regional Passport officer,
Coimbatore 1st Floor Corporation commercial
complex,
Opposite to Thandu Mariyamman Kovil,
Avinashi Road,
Coimbatore 641 018.

2.The Regional Passport office
Tiruchirappalli,
New Municipal complex,
Thillai Nagar,
7th Cross,
Tiruchirappalli 620 018.

3.The Superintendent of Police
Salem district,
Salem.

4.The Inspector of Police
Thammampatti police station,
Salem district.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent to issue the petitioner's online application for issuance of police clearance certificate (PCC) by considering his application dated 24.01.2026 with application Reference No. 26-1050996644 within the time frame that may be stipulated by this Honble court.



For Petitioner(s):

Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz

For Respondent(s):

Mr. K.K.Murralidharan
for RR-1 & R2

Mr.V.Meghanathan,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for R-3

ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the the 1st respondent to issue the petitioner's online application for issuance of police clearance certificate (PCC) by considering his application dated 24.01.2026 within a reasonable time that may be stipulated by this Court.

2. Mr. K.K.Murralidharan, learned counsel takes notice on behalf of respondents 1 & 2. Mr.V.Meghanathan, learned Government Advocate takes notice on behalf of the 3rd respondent.

3. The petitioner's father is an Indian Citizen and her mother is a Srilankan national. However, both of them are residing in Salem District. The petitioner is an Indian Passport Holder. In order to pursue her higher studies abroad, she had applied for Police Clearance Certificate on 24.01.2026. However, based on the adverse report submitted by the 4th respondent stating that, there is a criminal case pending against the petitioner's parents in Crime No.213 of 2023 on the file of the 4th respondent for alleged offences under the

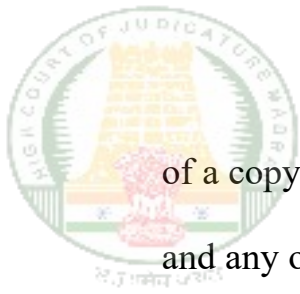


Passport Act, the 2nd respondent issued a show cause notice dated 03.02.2026 to the petitioner in which, the petitioner was called upon to give explanation alleging that she had suppressed the fact regarding the criminal case pending against her parents. Consequently, the petitioner's application dated 24.01.2024 for issuance of Police Clearance Certification is kept pending without any progress. Aggrieved by which, the petitioner has come up with the present Writ Petition.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that, it would suffice, if this Court issues a direction to the 1st respondent to consider the petitioner's online application dated 24.01.2026 seeking issuance of passport pass appropriate orders on the same within the time that may be stipulated by this Court.

5. On the above contention, this Court heard the learned counsel appearing for respondents.

6. In view of the limited relief sought for in this Writ Petition, this Court without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, directs the 1st respondent to consider the petitioner's application dated 24.01.2026 seeking issuance of Police Clearance Certificate and pass appropriate orders on the same in accordance with law within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt



of a copy of this order, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and any other interested parties.

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7. This Writ Petition stands disposed of with the aforesaid direction. There shall be no order as to costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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