



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

WP No.23506 of 2026

Santhosh Maripalli

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport office, Chennai,
Royala Towers no 2 and 3, IV Floor,
Old No 785 New No 158, Anna Salai chennai
600 002.
2. The Inspector of police
K-4 Anna Nagar Police station,
Anna nagar, Chennai 600 040

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue Writ of Mandamus, directing 1st Respondent to decide the application dated 16.01.2025 in File No. MA 2077309438325 submitted by the petitioner for renewal / re-issuance of passport within time period fixed by the Honble Court and pass

For Petitioner(s):

Ms. C. Harini

For Respondent(s):

Mr. K.Shanmuganathan, CGC for R1 and
Mr. Durai Gunasekaran, GA(Crl.Side), for R2.



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ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed for a direction to 1st Respondent to decide petitioner's application dated 16.01.2025 in File No. MA for renewal / re-issuance of passport, within time framed to be fixed by this Court.

2. At the outset, it was submitted by learned Central Government Counsel for first respondent that they would consider petitioner's application dated 16.01.2026 and pass appropriate orders, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court, which was agreed to by learned counsel for petitioner.

3. In view thereof, there shall be a direction to first respondent, to consider petitioner's application dated 16.01.2026 on its own merits and renew/reissue passport, in accordance with law, after affording reasonable opportunity of hearing to petitioner, within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any views with regard to the merits of the case.



4. Accordingly, writ petition stands disposed of. There will 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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To

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