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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 28-10-2026**

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**THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA**

**WP No. 43136 of 2026**

CNR:{HCMA012501932026}

Selvaraj Kumar
S/o.Rajalingam
No.206, A9 Block, Prince Village Apartments,
Tondiarpet, Chennai-600 081.

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Regional Passport Officer
   Regional Passport Office
   Royala Towers, 4th Floor,
   Old No.785, New No.158,
   Anna Salai, Chennai-600 002.

2. The Inspector of Police
   H5 New Washermanpet Police Station
   No.67, Elaya Mudali Cross Road, Sivan Nagar,
   New Washermenpet, Tondiarpet, Chennai-600081.

..Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the 1st Respondent to process and issue the passport to the petitioner for his Application No. MA2076204388926 dated 23.11.2025, expeditiously within the stipulated time frame fixed by this Court and pass orders.

For Petitioner: Mr.Jahith Rifai

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.Sathyan
Addl Central Govt. Standing Counsel for R1



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Mr.Durai Gunasekaran ,
Govt Advocate (Crl Side) for R2

**ORDER**

The writ petition has been filed seeking a mandamus to the first respondent to process the petitioner's application No.MA2076204388926 dated 23.11.2025, as expeditiously within the time frame to be fixed by this Court.

2. The case of the petitioner is that he had applied for passport through online on 29.06.2026 and was assignment with File No.MA 2076204388926. The online status of his application reflects that his application is under review at the Regional Passport Office, on the ground that the "Police Verification is not clear". The grievance of the petitioner is that he is suffering from 85% locomotor disability and for his medical treatment, he needs to travel abroad and therefore, had applied for a passport. The petitioner had also submitted a representation on 15.08.2026 to the first respondent bringing it to his attention the urgency involved in his case, despite which, there is no response from the first respondent-authority. Hence, the petitioner is before this Court

3. Heard the learned counsel on either sides and also perused the materials placed on record,



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4. The petitioner's application seeking passport was withheld by the first respondent solely on the ground that the "Police Verification Report is not clear". This Court deems it appropriate that it is the duty of the first respondent to get a clarification from the second respondent regarding the same, and the petitioner has no role to play in it. Since there is no laches on the part of the petitioner in complying with the requisite details necessary for issuing a passport, he cannot be denied of his right guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Therefore, a mandamus is issued to the first respondent to consider the case of the petitioner and issue a passport to the petitioner within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, by following the due process. In case of any criminal case being filed in the interregnum, it is needless to state that for travelling out of the country, the petitioner can get the permission of such Court where the case is pending.

5. With the above directions, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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