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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 09.01.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

W.P.(MD)No.569 of 2026

Pandiyan Pichaikannu

...Petitioner

Vs

1. The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
Near Municipal Complex,
7th Cross, Thillai Nagar,
Tiruchirappalli - 620 018.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Station,
Thanjavur District.

Orathanadu Police

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent No.1 to issue the Passport to the petitioner considering the application in File No.TR1075874733625 dated 04.11.2025 within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner	: M/s.K.Pragadeesh Kumar
For Respondents	: M/s.A.Muthuramalingam Central Government Standing Counsel for R1 M/s.M.Aasha Government Advocate(crl.side) for R2



ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed seeking a mandamus as against the first respondent for issuance of the passport based upon his application dated 04.11.2025.

2. The learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) appearing for the second respondent submits that the petitioner has been implicated in a criminal case in Cr.No.531 of 2022 on the file the Orathanadu Police Station, Thanjavur District. So far, the investigation has not been completed and the charge sheet has not been laid for the past 3 years.

3. This Court in a judgment reported in **2014 (8) MLJ 61** has held that mere pendency of FIR is not a legal impediment for issuance of the passport.

4. In view of the above said facts, the first respondent is directed to consider the application of the petitioner and pass orders within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above said observations, this writ petition stands disposed of.

No costs.

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NCC : Yes/No
Index : Yes/No
Internet: Yes/No
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