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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 16.02.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE G.JAYACHANDRAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

W.A.(MD) No.175 of 2026
and
C.M.P.(MD) No.1787 of 2026

The Regional Passport Officer
Regional Passport Office
Tiruchirapalli New
Municipal Complex
Thillai Nagar 7th Cross
Tiruchirappalli-620 018 ... Appellant

-vs-

1.Murugan

2.The Inspector of Police
Thiruchitrambalam Police Station
Thanjavur District ... Respondents

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Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of Letters Patent to set aside the order, dated 02.07.2025, passed in W.P.(MD) No.17888 of 2025, on the file of this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Govindarajan
Deputy Solicitor General of India

For Respondents : Mr.A.Arputharaj for R1
Mr.K.Gnanasekaran
Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for R2

J U D G M E N T

[Judgment of the Court was made by DR.G.JAYACHANDRAN, J.]

In view of the order, dated 09.02.2026, passed by the Full Bench of this Court in W.P.(MD) No.26547 of 2025 in the case of ***Jawahar Rajan vs. The Regional Passport Officer***, concerning the issuance of fresh / renewal of passport for the persons against whom criminal cases are pending before the Court, we find that the order of the learned Single Judge in the case on hand requires interference of this Court.

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2. Accordingly, this writ appeal is allowed and the order dated 02.07.2025, passed in W.P.(MD) No.17888 of 2025, is set aside. The first respondent, against whom a criminal case is pending and charges are framed, has to seek permission from the Criminal Court and proceed further with the matter. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

[G.J., J.] [N.S., J.]

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To:
The Inspector of Police,
Thiruchitrambalam Police Station,
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