



**W.P.(MD).No.5530 of 2026**

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

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**DATED : 27.02.2026**

**CORAM:**

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR**

**W.P(MD)No.5530 of 2026**

Muruganantham

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Regional Passport Officer,  
Regional Passport Office,  
New Municipal Complex,  
Thillainagar 7<sup>th</sup> Cross,  
Tiruchirappalli – 620 018.

2. The Inspector of Police,  
Keeranur Police Station,  
Pudukkottai District.

... Respondents

**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to renew the passport to the petitioner in Application in File No.TR2077106778524, dated 11.11.2024 within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Gurumoorthy

For R1 : Mr.K.Maharajan  
Central Government Standing Counsel

For R2 : M/s.M.Aasha  
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)



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## ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking a Mandamus directing the first respondent to renew the passport to the petitioner based upon his application dated 11.11.2024.

2. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the second respondent brought to the notice of this Court that the petitioner has been implicated in a criminal case in Crime No.116 of 2012, on the file of the second respondent police station. So far charge sheet has not been laid.

3. This Court in a judgment reported in **2014 8 MLJ 61 (Mr.W.Jaihar Willam Vs.the State of Tamil Nadu)** has held that mere pendency of FIR would not be a legal impediment for issuance of passport.

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



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5. With the above said observation, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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