



W.P.(MD).No.5603 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.5603 of 2026

Muthu Chelvam

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Regional Passport Officer,
Bharathi Ula Veethi,
Race Course Road,
Madurai – 625 002.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Devakottai Taluk Police Station,
Sivagangai 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 process the application of the petitioner vide Application No.MD1076211665126, dated 09.01.2026, for issuance of passport and consequently direct the first respondent to renew the passport to the petitioner within the time fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Packiya Muthu



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

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

ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed seeking a Mandamus directing the first respondent to process the petitioner's passport application dated 09.01.2026.

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.145 of 2025, on the file of the second respondent police station. However, so far, investigation has not been completed and the charge sheet has not been filed.

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.



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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.

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

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