



W.P.(MD)No.15434 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 10.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

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C.Karthik

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Regional Passport Officer,
The Regional Passport Office Tiruchirappalli,
New Municipal Complex,
Thillainagar 7th Cross,
Tiruchirappalli - 620 018.

4.The State Rep. by the Inspector of Police,
Karaiyur Police Station,
Pudukkottai District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 1st respondent to issue the passport to the petitioner as per his application number is Application No.26-1053284621 and in file No.TR2076453676626 dated 24.02.2026 within the time frame as fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner	:Mr.S.Vinoth Kumar
For R1	:Mr.P.M.Vishnuvarthan Central Government Standing Counsel
For R2	:Mr.M.Mahaboob Riyaz Government Advocate (Crl.side)



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ORDER

The petitioner is before this Court seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to re-issue a passport to the petitioner based on the petitioner's application bearing Application No. 26-1053284621 and in file No.TR2076453676626 dated 24.02.2026.

2. The petitioner's request for issuance of a passport has not been processed on the ground that a criminal case is pending against the petitioner before the Judicial Magistrate, Ponnamaravathy, in S.T.C. No. 27 of 2025.

3. The Hon'ble Full Bench of this Court in W.P.(MD) No. 26547 of 2025, while answering a reference as to whether the re-issue/renewal of a passport should be treated in the same manner as the issuance of a fresh passport or merely as a case of renewal, held that the re-issue/renewal of a passport must be treated in the same manner as the issuance of a fresh passport. However, liberty was granted to the petitioner therein to obtain prior permission from the concerned Court and submit the same along



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with the passport application, as contemplated under the Passport Act, 1967.

4. In view of the above, this Writ Petition is disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to approach the jurisdictional Court, where the criminal case is pending, and file an appropriate application seeking permission for issuance/renewal of the passport within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. If such an application is filed, the criminal Court concerned shall consider and pass appropriate orders within a period of two weeks from the date of filing of the application. No costs.

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