



W.P.(MD)No.17136 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 22.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

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... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
Madurai Bharathi Ula Veethi,
Race Course Road, Madurai.

2.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented By, the Inspector of Police,
Paramakudi Taluka Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.
(Crime No.194/2022).

... 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 a passport to him on the basis of his passport application in File No. MD1076830369226 dated 15.05.2026 as expeditiously as possible, within the time stipulation as prescribed by this Court.



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For Petitioner :Mr.S.Prabakaran
For R1 :Mr.S.Anbu Hariharan
Central Government Standing Counsel
For R2 :Mr.R.Mohamed Riyaz
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

ORDER

The petitioner is before this Court seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to re-issue the passport to the petitioner based on the petitioner's application bearing File No. MD1076830369226 dated 15.05.2026

2. The petitioner's request for re-issuance of passport has not been processed on the ground that a criminal case is pending against the petitioner before the Judicial Magistrate Court, Paramakudi, in C.C. No. 203 of 2023.

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



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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 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. 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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To

The Inspector of Police,
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