



**IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE,
RAMANATHAPURAM.**

PRESENT: Thiru. C. MOHANRAM, M.A., B.L.,
Additional Sessions Judge,
Ramanathapuram.

Tuesday the 10th day of March 2026

CrI.M.P.No.420/2026 in CrI.A.No.8/2025
(CNR No.TNRM-01-000718-2026)

Abdul Rahman, aged 35/2026,
S/o.Mohamed Pazheel.

...Petitioner

/vs/

State through the Inspector of Police,
Thondi P.S.,
Ramanathapuram District.

...Respondent/Complainant

This petition coming on 06.03.2026 for hearing before me in the presence of Thiru.N. Mohamed Jibri, B.Sc., B.L., the learned Counsel for the petitioner and Thiru.A.Manoharan, B.A., B.L., the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State and upon hearing both sides arguments, this Court passes the following...



ORDER

The petition filed by the petitioner to grant permission to travel to Maldives.

2. Contention of the petitioner:

Petitioner is the respondent in the Criminal Appeal No.8/2025. Petitioner was holding a passport bearing No. L8070125 and the same got expired on 18.03.2024. He had applied for renewal of the same but he received a notice from the passport office seeking clarification about the case pending against him. The case filed by the respondent ended in acquittal after full trial. This petitioner was acquitted by the Trial Court and the complainant has filed this appeal against the said acquittal. Hence, the Passport Authorities refused to renew the passport. So, he filed Writ Petition (MD) No. 30791/2024 before the Hon'ble Madras High Court, Madurai Bench. The Hon'ble High Court directed the Passport Authorities to renew the passport. Accordingly, the petitioner was given a new passport bearing No. AA096903. He has now obtained visit **VISA No.204/2025/87940159** and he has to travel to Maldives for his business and livelihood. He undertakes to return to India within one month from the date of visit and has no case pending against him except the present appeal. Therefore,



he prays to grant permission to travel to Maldives from 07.03.2026 to 03.04.2026.

3. Objection of the respondent:

The respondent had filed C.C.No.3/2015 against this petitioner and two others for the alleged offences u/s 120(B), 153(B)(1)(a) of IPC and (2)2 and 66-A (a) of Information Technology Act 2000. The learned Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvadanai after full trial had acquitted all the accused. Therefore, this respondent has filed the present appeal to set aside the Judgment passed by the Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvadanai and the same is pending. Since the appeal is pending, there is possibility that the petitioner would abscond and escape to foreign country and thereby the appeal would be dragged on. Therefore, the petition must be dismissed.

4. Point for consideration:

Whether the petition is liable to be allowed and the petitioner liable to be permitted to visit Maldives?

5. This petitioner along with other two persons were accused and the respondent had filed C.C.No.3/2015 before the learned Judicial Magistrate,



Thiruvadana. However, all the three persons were acquitted by the Trial Court on 30.04.2024. Aggrieved by the said acquittal, this respondent has filed the present appeal against acquittal and the same is pending. The petitioner had obtained directions from the Hon'ble High Court and accordingly he was issued passport as detailed in the petition. Now, the petitioner has obtained visit VISA to travel to Maldives regarding his livelihood and business.

6. It is well settled that the right to life includes right to career and avocation and also right to the abroad. This petitioner has been acquitted by the Trial Court and his presence is not required for the appeal. The same can be proceeded in the presence of his counsel. Therefore, considering that right to travel is recognized as a fundamental right by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in various decisions, and also by the Hon'ble High Court in the writ petition filed by this petitioner, the interest of Justice warrants that the petitioner be permitted to travel to Maldives. However, such a right to travel is only restricted right and necessary conditions shall be imposed. Therefore, it is held that the petitioner be permitted to travel to Maldives for the period mentioned by him but on the following conditions.



1. The petitioner shall submit certified copies of his travel documents namely, Passport, VISA, Air Ticket etc., relating to his travel to this Court prior to his departure.

2. He shall inform address of his stay and contact phone number at Maldives and he shall not travel to any other country without informing and without getting permission from this Court.

3. On his return to India, he shall submit copy of his passport with all the VISA entries showing his travel details to this Court.

4. The petitioner shall give an undertaking in the form of an affidavit that he will not extend his stay beyond the period now sought for and he will return to India on or before 07.04.2026. This point is decided accordingly.

In the result, the petition is allowed with following conditions:-

1) The petitioner shall submit certified copies of his travel documents namely, passport, VISA, Air Ticket, etc., relating to his travel to this Court prior to his departure.

2) He shall inform address of his stay and contact phone number at Maldives and he shall not travel to any other country without informing and without getting permission from this Court.

3) On his return to India, he shall submit copy of his passport with all the VISA entries showing his travel details to this Court.

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4) The petitioner shall give an undertaking in the form of an affidavit that he will not extend his stay beyond the period now sought for and he will return to India on or before 07.04.2026 and

5) the petitioner is permitted to travel to Maldives and shall return to India on or before 07.04.2026.

Dictated to the Steno-Typist, directly typed by her in computer, corrected and pronounced by me in open Court on this the 10th day of March 2026.

Additional Sessions Judge,
Ramanathapuram.
10.03.2026

Witness and document on either side: Nil

Additional Sessions Judge,
Ramanathapuram.
10.03.2026