



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3207]

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

WRIT PETITION NO: 10906/2026

Between:

1. SODASIVIJAYANANDA RAJU, S/O PETER, AGED 61 YEARS, OCC
TEACHER, R/O H.NO.11-3-37, GANDHI NAGAR-2, NARASAPURAM,
WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT - 534275.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. THE UNION OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, SOUTH BLOCK,
NEW DELHI - 110 001.

2. THE REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE, REPRESENTED BY ITS
REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER, NEAR PF OFFICE,
MARRIPALEM, VISAKHAPATNAM, AP.

3. THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER, NARSAPURTOWN POLICE
STATION, NARSAPUR.534275

...RESPONDENT(S):

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to please to Issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS declaring the action of the Respondent No.2 in refusing to renew the passport of the Petitioner on account of pendency of cases bearing C.C. No.557/2022 and C.C. No.556/2022 pending before the Hon'ble Court of I Additional Junior Civil Judge Cum I Additional Judicial of 1 Class Magistrate, Narasapuram, as

illegal, highhanded, and arbitrary, apart from being in violation of the rights of the Petitioner under Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India, and consequently to direct the Respondent No.2 to renew the said passport for a full period of 10 years, and to pass

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent authorities to process the Petitioner's passport (No.N9109288) renewal without reference to C.C. No.557/2022 arising out of Crime No. 122/2022 of Narsapur Town Police Station and C.C. No.556/2022 arising out of Crime No. 105/2022 of Narsapur Town Police Station, both pending before the Hon'ble Court of I Additional Junior Civil Judge Cum I Additional Judicial of I Class Magistrate, Narasapuram, and to renew and issue the passport to the Petitioner for a full period of 10 (Ten) years, pending disposal of the above writ petition and to pass

Counsel for the Petitioner:

1.MEDAPATI SANTOSH REDDY

Counsel for the Respondent(S):

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The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND**WRIT PETITION No.10906 of 2026****ORDER: -**

It is brought to the notice of this Court by both the learned counsel that the subject matter of this writ petition is squarely covered by the common order passed in W.P.No.5769 of 2026 and batch, dated 07.04.2026, which is as follows:

"9. Accordingly, these writ petitions are allowed with the following direction:

The Passport Authorities to consider and pass appropriate orders on the applications submitted by the petitioners for issuance of passports or re-issuance of passports or renewal of passports, for a period of ten (10) years, under Section 10 of the Passports Act, 1967 and under Rule 12 of Passport Rules, 1980 and also the Gazette Notification issued by the Central Government vide GSR No.570(E), dated 25.08.1993, without reference to the criminal proceedings pending against the petitioners before the concerned Courts, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The petitioners shall submit an undertaking, along with an affidavit affirming that he/she will not leave the country during the pendency of the criminal proceedings, pending against them without permission of the courts having jurisdiction and that he/she will co-operate with concerned trial court in concluding the proceedings.
- (ii) On filing such an undertaking as well as affidavit, the concerned trial court shall issue a certified copy of the same within two (02) weeks.
- (iii) The petitioners shall submit the certified copy of the aforesaid undertaking before the respondent-Passport Officer for issuance of passport or re-issuance or renewal of his/her passport.

(iv) The respondent-Passport Officer shall consider the said application in the light of the observations made by this Court herein as well as the contents of the undertaking given by the petitioners for issuance of passport or re-issuance or renewal of his/her passport in accordance with law, within two (02) weeks from the date of said application.

(v) On renewal of the passport, the petitioners shall deposit the original renewed Passport before the concerned trial court.

(vi) The petitioners shall file an application before the concerned trial Court seeking permission to travel abroad.

(vii) The concerned trial Court shall consider the same, in accordance with law.”

2. Hence, following the said orders, this writ petition is allowed on the same terms.

3. There shall be no order as to costs.

Miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

Date: 23.04.2026

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