

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
(SPECIAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

**WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**



:PRESENT:

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE TARLADA RAJASEKHAR RAO
WRIT PETITION NO: 12382 OF 2026**

Between:

Pathakota Balaramireddy, s/o Ananda Reddy, major, Indian inhabitant, R/o
2/ 164-a, 2nd ward, Dorasanipalle Village, Proddatur, YSR Kadapa District-
516360. Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner

AND

1. The Union of India, represented by its Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi.
2. The Regional Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, Regional Passport Office, Vijayawada, NTR District, Andhra Pradesh.
3. The Passport Officer, Passport Office/Passport Seva establishment, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
4. The Station House Officer, Proddatur I Town Police Station, YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.
5. The Station House Officer, Proddatur II Town Police Station, YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.
6. The Station House Officer, Proddatur III Town Police Station, YSR Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh.

Respondents

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 issue a Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of the 2nd respondent in keeping the petitioners passport file/application bearing File No. VJ1071661351518 on

hold and in not considering the petitioners correspondence/explanation dated 22.10.2019 and detailed representation dated 18.04.2026 for renewal/re-issue of Passport No. H5012124 as illegal, arbitrary, unreasonable and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and the provisions of the Passports Act, 1967 and consequently direct the respondents, particularly the 2nd respondent, to consider the petitioner's case in accordance with law and renew/re-issue the petitioner's passport for a period of five years, or for such period as this Hon'ble Court deems fit and proper in the circumstances of the case,

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Petition under Section 151 CPC is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to pass an order or direction, pending disposal of Writ petition, directing the 2nd respondent to consider the petitioner's correspondence dated 22.10.2019 and explanation/representation dated 18.04.2026 in File No. VJ1071661351518 and to pass a reasoned order on the petitioner's request for renewal or re-issue of passport, without rejecting the same solely on the basis of adverse police verification, within such time as may be fixed by this Hon'ble Court, Pending disposal of WP 12382 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition, coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri ISMAIL SHAIK Advocate for the Petitioner, Additional Solicitor General of India Advocate for Respondent No.1 to 3, GP for Home for R4 to R6 and the Court made the following.

ORDER

Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has made application for renewal/re issuance of passport and the same was kept on hold by the respondents, hence the present writ petition is filed to direct the respondents, particularly 2nd respondent to process renew/reissuance of passport and relied on the judgment of the Hon'ble

Apex Court reported in Mahesh Kumar Agarwal v. Union of India and another reported in 2025 SCC OnLine SC 2887, and also Division Bench judgment of this Court in W.A.No.383 of 2024, dated 29.10.2024, wherein a Division Bench of this Court, held that since, when no cognizance taken, there would be no question of 'proceedings pending before a criminal Court', which would attract the provisions of Section 6(2)(f) of the Passports Act, 1967, and directed the respondents therein to issue passport.

Therefore, the respondents are directed to reconsider whether the petitioner is within the parameters pursuant to the judgments referred supra, as expeditiously as possible within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of copy of the order.

List the matter after Summer Vacation, 2026.

SD/- T.SRINIVASA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

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7. One CC to SRI. ISMAIL SHAIK Advocate [OPUC]

8. One CC to Additional Solicitor General of India Advocate [OPUC]
9. Two CCs to GP for Home, High Court of AP [OUT]
10. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

TRR,J

DATED:06/05/2026

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ORDER

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DIRECTION

