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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 14017/2025

ASAF ALI LONE

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Prasanna S., John Simte,
Mansvini Jain, Mr. Injila Muslim
Zaidi and Mr. Prasanna Balakumar,
Advs. (through v/c)

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Rohan Jaitley, CGSC, Mr. Dev.
Pratap Shahi, Mr. Varun Pratap Singh
and Mr. Yogya Bhatia, Advs. for R-1
to 4.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA

ORDER

% **11.09.2025**

CM APPL.57348/2025 (Exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

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3. This is a writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying as under:

“a. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ or order directing the Respondents to forthwith process and decide the Petitioner’s passport renewal application (File No.AU1075145265124) submitted on 01.02.2024 strictly accordance with the Passports Act, 1967 forthwith from the date of the order, and provide a reasoned formal written decision to the Petitioner;

b. Grant an order awarding damages to the Petitioner inclusive of a sum of INR 25,00,000/- toward compensation in addition to interest



pendent lite, and further damages in the nature of special, punitive and/or exemplary damages as this Hon'ble Court may deem just and adequate in the circumstances for the infringement of the Petitioner's fundamental rights;

c. Award costs of this petition; and

d. Pass such other or further orders or directions as this Hon'ble Court may deem just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the present case.

Prayer for Interim Relief:

Under the circumstances, it is therefore most humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to:

a. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ or order directing Respondents to communicate to the Petitioner any reasons, materials, or adverse findings forming the basis of the alleged Police Verification Report and afford the Petitioner an opportunity to respond to the same before taking any action adverse to him under the Passports Act, 1967."

4. Issue notice.
5. Mr. Jaitley, learned Central Govt. Standing Counsel (CGSC) enters appearance and accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos.1 to 4. He seeks four weeks' time to file counter affidavit. Let counter-affidavit be filed within a period of four weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within four weeks thereafter.
6. List on 20.01.2026.

TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025/cl