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W.P.No.1253 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 21.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Ms. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

W.P.No. 1253 of 2026
&
W.M.P.No. 1455 of 2026

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...petitioner

Vs.

The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
Tiruchirapalli, New Municipal Complex,
Thillai Nagar 7th Cross,
Tiruchirapalli - 620018

...respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Section 226 of the Constitution of India for issue of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the respondent relating to the impugned notice dated 22-10-2025 and quash the same as illegal, arbitrary, and without jurisdiction and consequently directing the respondent not to take any adverse action against the petitioner's renewed passport (Passport No. AH572395 dated 30-09-2025) based on the said notice.



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For petitioner : Mr. R.Venkatesulu
For Respondent : Mr. M.Sathya
[Central Government
Standing Counsel]

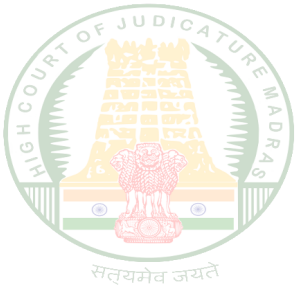
ORDER

This writ petition is filed for the following relief:

“To call for the records of the respondent relating to the impugned notice dated 22-10-2025 and quash the same as illegal, arbitrary, and without jurisdiction and consequently directing the respondent not to take any adverse action against the petitioner’s renewed passport (Passport No. AH572395 dated 30- 09-2025) based on the said notice.”.

2. The impugned order would read as follows:

“This Show Cause Notice is issued to you due to the reason mention below:- This Applicant is Involved in Kairlabath Ps Cr.No.62/24 u/s 294(b), 323, 353, 506(i), 379, 201 IPC r/w 21(1)(2) MMDR act. This case Ul



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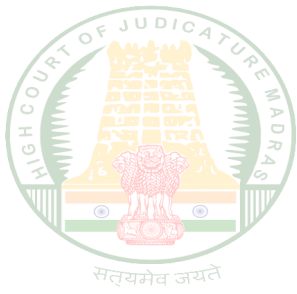


Also state why action should not be taken to impound the passport number AH572395 dated 30/09/2025, under Section _____ of the Passports Act, 1967 and Section 12 (1) (b) of the Passport Act 1967 should not be initiated against you. Please quote the reference number mentioned in the top block of this letter for further correspondence.

3. The above impugned order is only a show cause notice calling upon the petitioner to submit an explanation as to why his passport should not be impounded. Without giving his explanation, the petitioner has straightaway rushed to this Court.

4. In view of the above, this writ petition is disposed of with the following directions.

(i) The petitioner shall submit his explanation to the respondent, within a period of 2 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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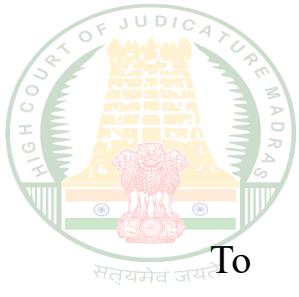
(ii) On receipt of the explanation from the petitioner, the respondent shall consider the same after affording an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner and pass orders on its own merits, within a period of 3 weeks therefrom.

5. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

No costs.

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