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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

**WP No. 15318 of 2026
and WMP.No.16530 of 2026**

Mahaboob Basha Kone Adam
S/o.K.M.Adam,
Old No.1077, New No.100,
Poonamallee High Road
Vepery,
chennai-600 084

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Regional Passport Officer
Chennai Royla Tower No.2 and 3
IV Floor, Old No.785,
New No.158,
Anna Salai
Chennai-600 002
2. The Joint Secretary PSP
Chief Passport Officer
Ministry of External affairs
PSP Division
Patiala H.Ouse,
Tilak Marg,
New Delhi-110 001
3. The Sub Inspector of Police
G-1, Vepery Police station
Chennai-600 007

..Respondent(s)

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the 1st respondent in proceedings letter bearing Ref.No.CN01054223879/26 in File



No.MA1077202456924 dated 18.3.2026 quash the same and direct the 1st respondent to issue the passport with the ordinary validity period of 10 years.

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For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.J.Nakkheeran
for M/s.Norton And Grant

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.V.D.Rajendra Prasad for R1 & R2
Mr.V.Meghanathan, GA (Crl. Side) for R3

ORDER

The proceeding letter of the first respondent bearing Ref. No.CN01054223879/26 in File No.MA1077202456924 dated 18.03.2026, is put under challenge in the present Writ Petition. Further, the petitioner has sought for a direction to the first respondent to issue the passport with the ordinary validity period of 10 years.

2. Heard the learned counsels appearing on either side. With the consent of both sides, the present Writ Petition is taken up for hearing at the admission stage itself.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has made an application for renewal of his passport for a period of 10 years by disclosing the pendency of the criminal case against him, however the first respondent had renewed the same only for one year i.e., from 17.03.2026 to



16.03.2027 and sent a letter dated 18.03.2026. He contended that aggrieved by the said letter dated 18.03.2026, the petitioner has filed an appeal before the second respondent, however till date no progress and hence, the present Writ Petition.

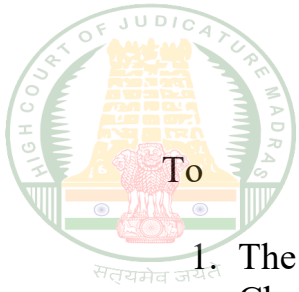
4. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also taking note of the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court directs the second respondent to dispose of the appeal filed by the petitioner, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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