



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-04-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 15259 of 2026 and WMP.No.16453 of 2026

Ramar

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, New Delhi

2.the Foreigners Regional Registration
officer(FRRO)
Bureau of Immigration, Ministry of
Home Affairs, Government of India,
Chennai.

3.The District collector
Nilgiris District.

4.The Superintendent of police,
Nilgiris (Foreigners Wing)

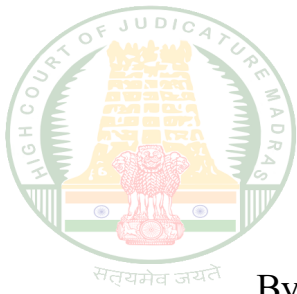
5.The Tahsildar
Pandalur Taluk, Nilgiris Wing

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, directing the respondents to forbear from deporting petitioner and petitioners family members from India and further directing the 2nd respondent to return all seized original documents including Aadhaar, PAN, passport, Voter ID, and Ration Card which was seized on 27.10.2025 and to recognize petitioner and my family members as Indian Citizens

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Balakrishnan

For Respondent: Mr.Srinivasamurthi for R1
Mr.S.Balamurugan for R3 & R5
Government Advocate
Mr.V.Meghanathan for R4
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



ORDER

By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2. This writ petition is filed for a direction, directing the respondents to forbear from deporting petitioner and petitioners family members from India and further directing the 2nd respondent to return all seized original documents including Aadhaar, PAN, passport, Voter ID, and Ration Card which was seized on 27.10.2025 and to recognize petitioner and my family members as Indian Citizens.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner is an Indian citizen by birth born on 26.07.1967 in Nilgris District. Though his parents had temporarily migrated to Sri Lanka for employment in tea estates, such migration was only for livelihood and not with any intention to permanently settle there. The petitioner after marriage temporarily resided in Sri Lanka for employment purposes and subsequently returned to India on 19.02.2006 along with his family and has been permanently residing in Tamil Nadu. The petitioner possesses Aadhar Card, Voter ID card, PAN Card and Family Ration Card. While the matter stood thus, when the petitioner's son in law visited India in the



year 2024, the second respondent initiated an enquiry and directed the petitioner's daughter to appear and the petitioner and his family members produced all original documents for verification on 27.10.2025, however, the respondent illegally seized and withheld the original documents. Thereafter, the respondents are taking coercive steps to deport the petitioners and family members to Srilanka. Hence, the petitioner has filed this writ petition for a direction forbearing the respondents from deporting petitioner and petitioners family members from India and further directing the 2nd respondent to return all seized original documents including Aadhaar, PAN, passport, Voter ID, and Ration Card which was seized on 27.10.2025 and to recognize petitioner and my family members as Indian Citizens.

4. The learned counsel for the respondents 1 and 2 fairly submitted that the second respondent will conduct enquiry and pass appropriate orders after hearing the petitioner and their family members within a reasonable time as fixed by this Court.

5. Heard both sides and perused the materials placed on record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court without going into the merits of the case directs the second respondent to conduct enquiry and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance after hearing



the petitioner and their family members. Such exercise shall be completed within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this Order.

Till such time, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner and their family members.

7. Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently connected miscellaneous petition stands closed.

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