



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

WP No. 26525 of 2026

AND

WMP NOS. 29017 & 29018 OF 2026

Vivek Saravanamuthu
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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Union Of India
Rep. by its Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, Central Secretariat,
New Delhi 110 011.
2. The Joint Secretary and Chief Passport Officer
Ministry of External Affairs, CPV Division,
Patiala House Annexe, Tilak Marg,
New Delhi 110001.
3. The Embassy of India, Washington DC
Rep. by its Second Secretary (passport),
2536 Massachusetts Ave NW,
Washington DC 20008 USA.
4. The Regional Passport Officer
Regional Passport Office, Chennai,
Royala Towers, No. 2 and 3 IV Floor,



Old No. 785 New No. 158 Anna Salai,
Chennai 02.

5. Foreigners Regional Registration Office,
No.26 Haddows Road,
Shastri Bhawan Annexe Building,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai 06.

..Respondent(s)

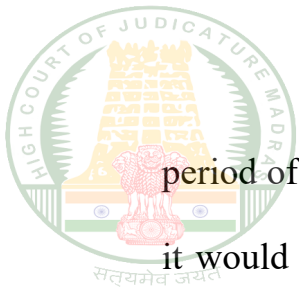
For Petitioner(s):	Mr.P.R.Raman, Senior Counsel for Mr.Sandesh Saravanan
For Respondent(s):	Mr.K.Ravindranath, CGSC for R1 & R2

Order

The Writ Petition has been filed challenging impugned show cause notice dated 18.06.0226 issued by the third respondent and for a consequential direction to the respondents to maintain the valid passport status of the petitioner intact and afford a period of nine months to enable the petitioner to regularize status and obtain formal travel documentation from the appropriate Sri Lankan authorities, culminating in the safe and lawful surrender of the petitioner's Indian passport before the respondents upon the conclusion of the said period.

2. The petitioner is presently working in M/s.Cisco Systems in the Unites Staes CISCO and he is a Green Card holder in USA.

3. Learned Senior Counsel for petitioner would submit that the impugned notice directs the petitioner to surrender his passport to the Embassy within a



period of 10 days of the receipt of the notice. If the said notice is complied with, it would result in the invalidation of his US work Visa, disrupt his career and could possibly render him Stateless.

4. Learned Central Government Standing Counsel for the respondents seeks two weeks time to take instructions.

5. Keeping in view the facts set out above, the respondents are directed to keep the impugned notice, which directs the petitioner to surrender his passport within 10 days, in abeyance until the next date of hearing.

6. List the matter on 22.07.2026.

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Index: Yes/No
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To

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