

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 45681 of 2025

Ansari Baba

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. 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 - 600 002.

2.State Rep. By
Inspector of Police,
T-1, Tambaram Police Station,
Chennai – 600 045.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER:- Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of writ of mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to handover the petitioners passport bearing Passport No. L8365981 based on his reply dated 14.05.2024.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.G.Mohammed Aseef

For Respondent: Mr.A.K.Manojkumar
Central Government Counsel

Mr.S.Balaji
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



ORDER

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This Writ Petition has been filed seeking issuance of writ of mandamus, directing the 1st respondent handover the petitioner's passport bearing Passport No.L8365981 based on his reply dated 14.05.2024.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is a passport holder and his passport got expired on 08.04.2024 therefore, the petitioner approached the 1st respondent on 20.04.2024 for renewal of passport along with relevant documents and the same was renewed after scrutinising the concern documents. While so, the 1st respondent issued a clarification notice dated 07.05.2024, requiring the petitioner to furnish an explanation regarding an alleged FIR in Crime No.739/2021 on the file of the T-1, Tambaram Police Station and further directed the petitioner to submit a fresh application with proper details and seized the petitioner's passport. It is stated that though the petitioner sent a detailed explanation by letter dated 14.05.2024, no order was passed till date. Hence, the present writ petition is filed with the above prayer.

3. The learned counsel Government Advocate appearing for the 2nd respondent would submit that the FIR as against the petitioner is registered during the Covid-19 period as if the petitioner created nuisance in the public by violating the lock down rules and it is submitted that except the said case in



Crime No.739 of 2021, no other criminal case is pending as against the petitioner.

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4. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the second respondent that the second respondent decided to close the case registered as against the petitioner in Crime No.739 of 2021.

5. Since the 2nd respondent has decided to close the case as against the petitioner, there is no impediment for the 1st respondent to handover the passport of the petitioner. Therefore, this Writ Petition is allowed with a direction to the 1st respondent to handover the passport bearing Passport No.L8365981 to the petitioner within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, if there is no legal impediment. No costs.

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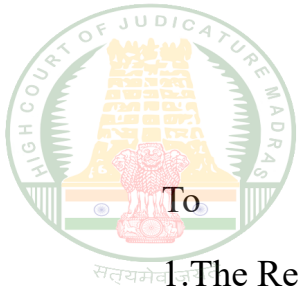
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