



W.P. No.44968 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24.11.2025

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M. DHANDAPANI

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KATHAMUTHU

Petitioner

Vs

1. The Regional Passport Officer
Old No.785, New No.158,
No.2, and 3 IV Floor,
Chennai Royala Towers,
Anna Salai, Chennai-600 002.

2.The Inspector Of Police
Nellikuppam Police Station,
Cuddalore District.

Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue Writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent to reissue the passport to the petitioner by considering the petitioner Application MA6074324756522 dated 20.06.2022.

For petitioner : Mr. E. Raveendran

For respondents : Mr.A. Zakir Hussain

Central Govt. Standing Counsel for R1

Mr.S. Balaji

Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side) for R2



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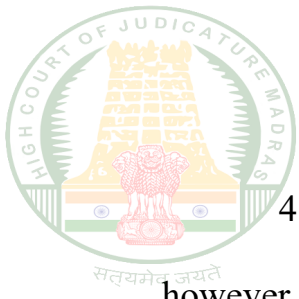
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ORDER

This writ petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking for a writ of Mandamus, to direct the 1st respondent to grant approval for renewal of passport of the petitioner by considering the petitioner's Application dated 20.06.2022 in MA6074324756522.

2. Mr.A. Zakir Hussain, learned Central Government Standing Counsel accepts notice on behalf of the 1st respondent and Mr.S.Balaji, learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side), accepts notice on behalf of the 2nd respondent. In view of the consent expressed by the parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

3. The case of the petitioner is that he submitted an application before the 1st respondent through online seeking renewal of his passport on 20.06.2022. However, the 1st respondent vide Communication dated 29.02.2024 closed the said application on that the ground that a criminal case is pending against the petitioner in Crime No.735 of 2013, whereas it is the contention of the petitioner that till date, charge sheet has not been filed. Under such circumstances, this writ petition has been filed seeking for issuance of appropriate directions.



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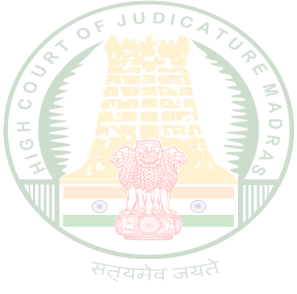
4. Though very many grounds have been raised in this writ petition, however, learned counsel for the petitioner restricted his prayer and sought permission of this Court to submit a suitable explanation to the said communication issued by the 1st respondent on 29.02.2024, within a time frame that may be fixed by this Court and upon receipt of the same, the 1st respondent may be directed to pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law.

5. In view of the limited request sought for by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, this Court, permits the petitioner to submit an explanation in response to the Communication issued by the 1st respondent on 29.02.2024, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Upon receipt of the same, the 1st respondent shall pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with Passport Act and Rules, within a period of six weeks thereafter.

6. With the above directions, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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