



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 46323 of 2025

R.Janakiraman

Petitioner(s)

Vs

The Assistant Director
Directorate Of Enforcement,
No.2, 5th And 6th Floor,
BSNL Administrative Building,
Kushkumar Road, Nungambakkam,
Chennai-600 034.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER; This writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, seeking to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondent to revoke the Look Out Circular notice issued against the Petitioner and the Petitioners passport bearing No.P1897733.

For Petitioner(s): M/s.M.Sathish Kumar
For Respondent: Mr.N.Ramesh, Spl. P.P.(ED)

ORDER

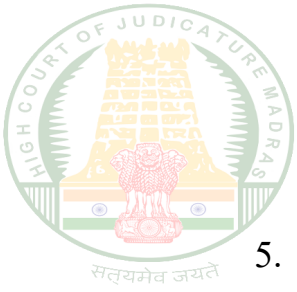
This petition has been filed seeking a direction to the Respondent to revoke the Look Out Circular notice issued against the Petitioner and the Petitioners passport bearing No.P1897733.



2. It is the case of the petitioner that he is doing real business and plastic retail business. Earlier the petitioner worked as a sub-Dealer agent in LNS International Financial Services Private Limited. When the petitioner visited Malaysia on 25.12.2023, the immigration authorities in Chennai International Airport have verified the petitioner's passport and informed that Look Out circular (LOC) notice was issued by the respondent against his passport and thereby he was not permitted to travel abroad. Further he was detained at the Airport and thereafter, he appeared before the respondent for enquiry.

3. The petitioner made a representation on 18.09.2025 to the respondent seeking to revoke the LOC notice issued against his passport No.P1897733. Though the respondent received the petitioner's representation but the respondent had not revoked the LOC issued against the petitioner. Again on 31.10.2025, the petitioner appeared before the respondent for enquiry. However, the LOC was not revoked. Hence, the present writ petition.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that whenever the summon will be issued to the petitioner, the petitioner is ready to appear and cooperate before the investigating officer. Hence, this Court may direct the respondent to consider and pass orders on the petitioners representation dated 18.09.2025 for revocation of LOC within the stipulated time as fixed by this Court.



5. The learned Special Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that in spite of several intimations, the petitioner has not cooperated with the investigation. Hence the Look Out Circular issued.

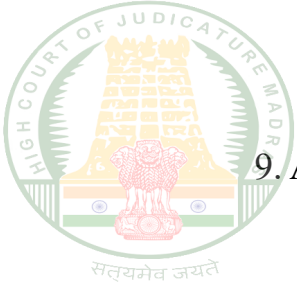
6. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

7. It is the main grievance of the petitioner that for his business purpose, the petitioner seeks withdrawal of Look Out Notice, since it curtails his fundamental right. The learned counsel submitted that the petitioner is ready to abide by any condition and he will co-operate with the investigation and trial.

8. In the light of the facts narrated above, the Look out Circular issued by the respondent department shall be relaxed on the following conditions:-

(i) The petitioner is directed to appear before the investigation Officer and file an undertaking affidavit; The petitioner is directed to surrender his passport before the Investigating Officer; If the petitioner wants to travel abroad, he should necessarily get permission from the Court under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

(ii) Upon satisfaction, the respondent are directed to revoke the LOC which was issued against the petitioner.



9. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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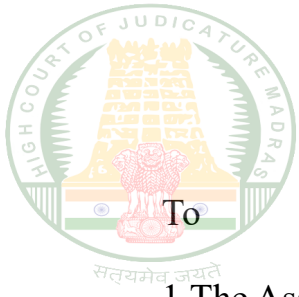
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