

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED :21.04.2026

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

W.P(MD)No.406 of 2026

K.Thiyagarajan

... Petitioner

.Vs.

1.The Regional Passport Authority,
Claret Plaza, Melakkal Main Road,
Kochadai,Madurai – 625 016.

2.The Immigration Officer,
Trichy International Airport,
Tiruchirapalli – 620 020

3.The Commissioner of Police,
Madurai City,
Madurai.

(R3 is suo motu impleaded as third respondent as per order of this Court made in W.P(MD)No.406 of 2026, dated 16.2.2026)

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records from the second respondent



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pertaining to the order NO.02/IMP/BOI-TAP/2025(08)-25, dtd 2.6.2025, quash the same and consequently direct the first respondent to re- issue the passport based on the Petitioner's online application No.25-1054963247, dated 24.06.2025 subsequently considering the Petitioner's representation, dated 5.12.2025.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Mohamad Kalibullah

For Respondents : Mr.D.Govindarajan
1 and 2 Deputy Solicitor General of
India

assisted by
Mr.RM.Arun Swaminathan
Central Govt. Standing
Counsel

For Respondent-3 : Mr.M.Vaikkam Karunanithi
Govt.Advocate(Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner challenges the order dated 02.06.2025 issued by the second respondent. By the said order, the petitioner's passport was impounded on the ground that it bears an Oman Immigration Seal, which appears to be fake.

2.The petitioner states that while arriving at Trichy Airport from Kuala Lumpur, the Immigration Officers seized his passport stating that it contained Oman Immigration Seals which appeared



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to be fake. Thereafter, the passport was forwarded to the first respondent, and in turn, the second respondent issued the impugned order.

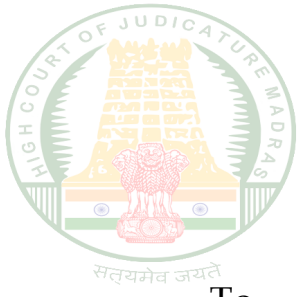
3. Mr. K. Govindarajan, learned Deputy Solicitor General of India, appearing for respondents 1 and 2, submitted that in order to ascertain whether the petitioner's passport bears a genuine Oman Immigration Seal, a request has been made to the Oman Embassy, and a response is awaited. Immediately upon receiving information from the Oman Embassy, the respondent/Passport Authority shall complete the enquiry and pass appropriate orders regarding whether the petitioner is entitled to the return of his passport. The said submission is taken on record.

4. Therefore, the Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the first respondent to complete the enquiry within a period of two months from today. In the event the petitioner is found entitled to the return of the passport, the same shall be returned to him within a period of one week thereafter. No costs.

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NCS : Yes/No
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