



**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

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DATED :22.01.2026

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR**

**W.P(MD)No.1238 of 2026**

Praveenraj

... Petitioner

.Vs.

1.The Regional Passport Officer,  
Madurai,  
Bharathi Ula Veethi,  
Race Course Road,  
Madurai – 625 002.

3.The Inspector of Police,  
Keelavalavu Police Station,  
Madurai District.

... Respondents 1 and 2

**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to issue passport to the Petitioner based on the Petitioner's application dated 11.12.2025 bearing File No.MD1066005045825 by considering the Petitioner's reply, dated 17.12.2025, more particularly, within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner

: Mr.M.Vivek Kumar



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For Respondent-1 : Mr.T.Lenin Kumar  
Central Govt.Standing  
Counsel  
For Respondent-2 : M/s.M.Aasha  
Govt.Advocate(Crl.side)

### ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to issue passport to the Petitioner based upon his application, dated 11.12.2025 and Petitioner's explanation dated 17.12.2025.

2.According to the learned Govrenment Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the second respondent submitted that the Petitioner has been implicated in a criminal case in Crime No.208 of 2024, on the file of second respondent Police Station. So far investigation has not been completed and charge sheet has not been laid. The High Court in it decision in **2014(8) MLJ 81** has categorically held that pendency of a criminal case is not a legal impediment for issuance of passport.

3.In view of the above said facts, the first respondent is directed to consider the request of the Petitioner for issuance of passport and pass orders within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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4. With the above said observations, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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NCS : Yes/No  
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