

W.P(MD)No.3159 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 10.02.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

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... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Union of India,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi.
- 2.The Consular,
Passport Section,
Consulate General of India,
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- 3.The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
W.B.Road,
Water Tank Building, Trichy.
- 4.The Superintendent (Enquiry),
Regional Passport Office,
W.B.Road, Water Tank Building, Trichy.
- 5.The Inspector of Police,
Swamimalai Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

... Respondents



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PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the second respondent to issue renewal passport based on the petitioner's application in ARN No.25-2000868090 dated 13.02.2025.

For Petitioner : M/s.R.Shunmathi Priya

For R1 to R3 : Mr.K.Govindaraja
Deputy Solicitor General of India
Assisted by Mr.R.Pranjothi
Central Government Standing Counsel

For R5 : Mrs.M.Aasha
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed seeking a Mandamus directing the second respondent to renew the passport of the petitioner based upon his application dated 13.02.2025.

2.The petitioner, as on today, is working in Saudi Arabia and his passport had expired in the year 2025.

3.The learned Government Advocate for the fifth respondent brought to the notice of this Court that the petitioner has been implicated in a criminal case in Crime No.388 of 2023 on the file of the fifth



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respondent Police Station, which has culminated in the filing of a charge sheet in C.C.No.436 of 2024 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate – II, Kumbakonam.

4.Since the passport of the petitioner has expired, the petitioner is directed to approach the concerned Consular Office for getting an Emergency Certificate to land in India. After landing in India, the petitioner shall approach the concerned Trial Court where C.C.No.436 of 2024 is pending and seek permission of the Court to go abroad. In case such application is filed, the same shall be disposed of within a period of four weeks. Based upon the order to be passed by the learned Trial Judge, the third respondent is directed to proceed in accordance with law.

5.With the said observations and direction, the writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

10.02.2026

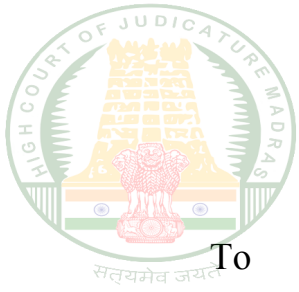
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