



W.P.(MD)No.6300 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 10.03.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

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... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Regional Passport Officer,
Madurai, Regional Passport Office,
Race Course Road,
Madurai - 625 002.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Keelaparalachi Police Station,
Virudhunagar.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 1st respondent to consider the petitioner's Passport Application File No. MD1076032341025 dated 01.12.2025 and to issue fresh passport to the petitioner within the time limit that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner	:Mr.G.Lingesh Babu
For R1	:Mr.R.Paranjothi
	Central Government Standing Counsel
For R2	:Mr.M.Vaikkam Karunanithi
	Government Advocate (crl.side)



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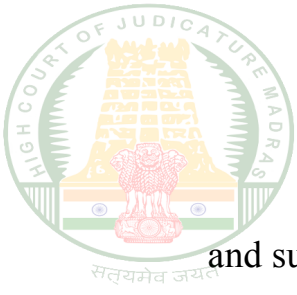
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ORDER

1. The petitioner is before this Court seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to issue a passport to the petitioner by considering his application in File No. MD1076032341025 dated 01.12.2025.

2. The petitioner's application for issuance of a passport has not been processed on the ground that a criminal case is pending against him in S.C. No.193 of 2022 on the file of the Additional Sessions Court, Aruppukottai.

3. The Hon'ble Full Bench of this Court in W.P.(MD) No.26547 of 2025, while answering a reference as to whether the re-issue/renewal of a passport should be treated in the same manner as issuance of a fresh passport or merely as a case of renewal, held that re-issue/renewal of a passport must be treated by the Passport Officer in the same manner as issuance of a fresh passport. However, liberty was preserved to the petitioner therein to obtain prior permission from the Court concerned



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and submit the same along with the passport application, as contemplated under the Passport Act.

4. In view of the above, the Writ Petition stands disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to approach the jurisdictional Court in which the criminal case is pending and file an appropriate application seeking permission for issuance of passport. If such an application is filed, the criminal Court concerned shall consider and pass appropriate orders on the same expeditiously. No costs.

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To

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