

W.P(MD)No.10175 of 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 28.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

Writ Petition(MD)No.10175 of 2026

Sahaya Antony Benish Visuvasam

.. Petitioner

Vs

1.The Regional Passport Officer,
Regional Passport Office,
Bharathi Ula Veethi, Race course road,
Madurai - 625 002.

2.The State of Tamil Nadu,
rep. by the Sub Inspector of Police
Eathamozhi Police Station,
Kanniyakumari District.

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records relating to the impugned show cause notice dated 16.02.2026 issued by the first respondent, quash the same, and consequently, direct the first respondent to permit the petitioner to retain and continue to use the passport bearing No.AM735390 dated 28.01.2026.

For Petitioner : M/s Ananth

For Respondents : Mr.M.Vaikkam Karunanithi
Govt. Advocate for R2



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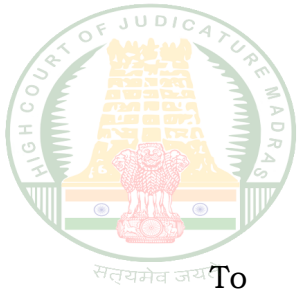
Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that CrI.O.P. (MD) No. 6520 of 2026 has been filed challenging the proceedings in C.C. No. 413 of 2023 and that, in the said quash petition, this Court has dispensed with the personal appearance of the petitioner before the trial Court. The offences alleged against the petitioner are punishable under Sections 323 and 294(b) IPC.

2. It was further submitted that the petitioner was issued a passport on 28.01.2026 and that the impugned notice has been issued by the respondent Passport Authority calling upon the petitioner to submit an explanation as to why the passport should not be impounded on account of the pendency of the criminal case. The petitioner is presently working as a cook in a foreign country.

3. In view of the above submission, list the matter on 16.06.2026. In the meantime, there shall be an order of interim stay. Notice.

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NCC : Yes/No
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HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR, J.

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