



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 34952 OF 2025 (GM-PASS)

BETWEEN:

MOHAMMAD SAMIULLA
S/O SANAULLA
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS
R/A 8TH CROSS, I MAIN
BHAGATH SINGH NAGAR
DAVANGERE-577502,
KARNATAKA
PASSPORT NO.C 9839246
PLACE OF ISSUE BANGALORE
DATE OF ISSUE 17-04-2025
DATE OF EXPIRY 16-04-2026

...PETITIONER



(BY SRI. MUZAFFAR AHMED., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE BY KTJ NAGARA P.S.
REPRESENTED BY STATE
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT BUILDINGS,
BANGALORE-560001.
2. THE REGIONAL PASSPORT
OFFICER,



REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE
8TH BLOCK, 80 FEET ROAD,
KORAMANGALA,
BANGALORE-560095

3. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS,
OFFICE OF THE PASSPORT
OFFICE, 8TH BLOCK,
80 FEET ROAD,
KORAMANGALA,
BANGALORE-560095.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.ADITYA DIWAKARA, AGA FOR R1
SRI ADITYA SINGH, CGC FOR R-2 AND R-3)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND
227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO
ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS DIRECTING
RESPONDENT NO.2 TO RENEW THE PASSPORT
BEARING NO.C.9839246 DATED 17.04.2025
ISSUED AT BANGALORE, ANNEXED AS
ANNX-F.

THIS PETITION COMING ON FOR
PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS
MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD



ORAL ORDER

The petitioner has filed this petition for directions to the second respondent to renew his passport. Sri Muzaffar Ahmed, the learned counsel for the petitioner, submits that this Court must issue directions to the respondents to issue a *short-validity passport*, because the petitioner cannot be denied permission to travel abroad only because of the pending criminal proceedings for bailable offences.

Sri Aditya Singh, the learned Central Government Counsel for the second respondent, submits that the criminal proceeding is in C.C.No.3952/2023, which is stayed by this Court in the Criminal Petition in CrI. P. No.366/2025 and that the second respondent will issue a *short-validity passport* to the petitioner if he is permitted either by this Court or by the jurisdictional Court which has to hold trial subject to orders in the pending criminal petition.



These submissions are considered, and the petition stands ***disposed of*** with liberty to the petitioner to file an application in the pending proceedings in Criminal Petition No.366/2025 for leave to travel, observing that if such leave is granted, it would be open to the petitioner to file an application with the second respondent. Further, if the petitioner is permitted by this Court in such proceedings and he produces a copy of such Order, the second respondent is directed to examine the documents and issue a *short-validity passport* to the petitioner at the earliest.

Sd/-
(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE