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Passport Is a Right, Not a Favour Supreme Court Reaffirms Freedom to Travel Despite Pending Cases

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Liberty under the Constitution, the Supreme Court has reminded, does not flow from the generosity of the State. It is the State's first duty. Reiterating this principle, the Court has held that the mere pendency of criminal proceedings cannot, by itself, be used to deny or renew a passport.



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