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WP CrI. No. 1480 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 31-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

WP CrI. No. 1480 of 2026

Bhuvaneshwari

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State represented by its,

1. The Deputy Inspector General of Prison,
Central Prison, Coimbatore,
Coimbatore Range,
Coimbatore - 641 013.
2. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Salem,
Salem - 637 007.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to modify the escort condition in the order passed by this Court in WP CrI No.942 of 2026, dated 04-06-2026 to the detenu, Nagarajan S/o. Maariappan aged about 58 years, PID No.35770, detained at Central Prison, Salem, as without escort.

For Petitioner(s):

For Respondent(s):

Mr.S. Mohamed Sahith Ali

Mr. C.R. Malarvannan,

Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Criminal Side)



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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by Sunder Mohan J.)

The Writ Petition has been filed by the wife of the convict prisoner Nagarajan, S/o.Maariappan, aged about 58 years [PID No.35770], seeking modification of a condition imposed by this Court in WP CrI.No.942/2026 to provide escort, while granting 40 days ordinary leave to the convict prisoner.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner was earlier granted leave without escort by the orders of this Court; that no untoward incident has been reported; that therefore, the police report apprehending a law and order problem, is without any basis and prayed for ordinary leave without escort.

3.Heard the learned counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu (Criminal Side) for the respondents, who has no serious objection for grant of leave without escort.



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4.The petitioner, admittedly, has been in custody for nearly 24 years. He has been granted leave twice by this Court without escort. There were no complaints when he had gone on leave without escort earlier. Though in our earlier order we had accepted the police report and directed grant of leave with escort, considering the stand taken by the respondents now and since nothing untoward had happened when the convict was released earlier, we are inclined to grant 40 days ordinary leave to the convict prisoner without escort, commencing from 04.08.2026 on the following conditions;

(i) The respondents are directed to release the convict viz., Nagarajan S/o. Maariappan, aged about 58 years, PID No.35770 confined at Central Prison, Salem, on ordinary leave without escort, for a period of Forty (40) days i.e., from 04.08.2026 to 12.09.2026.

(ii) The convict shall be released on 04.08.2026 at 10.00 A.M. and is directed to surrender before the Superintendent of Prisons, Central Prison, Salem, on 13.09.2026 before 10.00 A.M.



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(iii) The convict shall report before the jurisdictional police i.e.,
Mettur Police Station, Salem, daily at 10.30 a.m., during the period
of leave, except the date of release and surrender.

(iv) During the leave period, the Convict Prisoner shall abide by
all the conditions prescribed in the Jail Manual.

(A.S.M.,J.) (S.M.,J.)
31-07-2026

Index: Yes/No
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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

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Coimbatore - 641 013.
2. The Superintendent,
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3. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.



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