



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06-08-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

WP No.31020 of 2026

1. Manorathy
2. Sivakumar

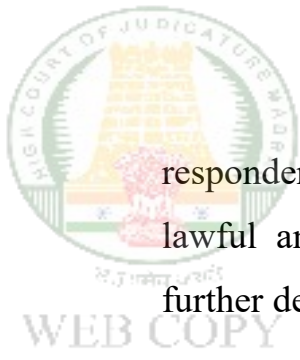
..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State
Represented by its the Principal Secretary,
Union Ministry of Home Affairs,
India Gate, New Delhi-110 001.
2. The Principal Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block, Raisina Hill,
New Delhi- 110 001.
3. The Secretary to Government,
Public (Foreigners) Department,
Secretariat of Tamil Nadu,
Chennai-09.
4. The Foreigners Regional Registration Officer,
Office of the FRRO,
Shastri Bhavan, Nungambakkam,
Chennai-600006.
5. The Commissioner of Police
Greater Chennai Police,
Vepery, Chennai-07.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue Writ of Mandamus, directing respondents on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 25.06.2026, in accordance with law, direct



respondents to issue EXIT Permit at the earliest and facilitate them safe, lawful and dignified return to their home country, Sri Lanka, without any further delay, suffering, or procedural impediments.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.D.Mario Johnson
Assisted by Mr.J.Vijay

For Respondent(s): Mr.A.S.Vijayaraghavan
Senior Panel Counsel
for R1, R2 and R4

Mr.J.V.Sakthi Baalakrishnan,
Government Advocate (Civil Side) for R3

Mr.Durai Gunasekaran,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for R5

ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed for a direction to respondents on the basis of petitioners' representation dated 25.06.2026, in accordance with law, and direct respondents to issue EXIT permit at the earliest and facilitate them safe, lawful and dignified return to their home country, Sri Lanka, without any further delay, suffering, or procedural impediments.

2. Learned Special Government Pleader for respondents 1, 2 and 4 would submit that the appropriate authority would be the fourth respondent to grant Exit permit. He would however submit that for grant of Exit permit by fourth respondent, no objection certificate may have to be obtained by fifth respondent inasmuch as petitioner who is admittedly a citizen of Srilanka has overstayed beyond the visa period.



3. Learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of fifth respondent would submit that petitioners' representation dated 25.06.2026, would be considered and appropriate orders would be passed, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court. It is thereafter open to petitioners to approach the appropriate authority requesting for issuance of Exit permit, which was agreed to by learned counsel for petitioner.

4. In view thereof, there shall be a direction to fifth respondent, to consider petitioner's representation dated 25.06.2026 on its own merits and pass appropriate orders, in accordance with law, after affording reasonable opportunity of hearing to petitioners, within a period of two weeks from the date of uploading of web copy without waiting for the receipt of certified copy. It is thereafter open to petitioners to approach the appropriate authority/fourth respondent requesting for issuance of Exit permit. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any views with regard to the merits of the case.

5. Accordingly, writ petition stands disposed of. There will be no order as to costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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