



WP CrI.No.2155 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-08-2026

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THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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and

W.M.P CrI.No.787 of 2026

Ragul. G
S/o. Gangadaran,
No.60/5, R Block,
Slum Clearance Board, Kotturpuram,
P.O.Kotturpuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600 085.

...Petitioner/
Brother of the convict

Vs

1. The Home Secretary,
Home Department (Prison).
Secretariat, Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.
2. The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons,
Chennai Range, Chennai.
3. The Superintendent of Prison
Central Prison-I, Puzhal, Chennai-600 066.

...Respondents

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, calling for the records relating to the proceedings in No.CP-PU1/2899/2026-R2, dated 11.08.2026, by the 3rd respondent and quash the same and consequently direct the 3rd respondent to grant 6 days emergency leave without escort to the petitioner's brother, namely Dinesh S/o. Gangadaran, Convict Prisoner



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No.10204 (PID No.13648), is presently confined in Central prison-I, Puzhal, Chennai 600 066.

For Petitioner: Mr.N.Nagarjuna

For Respondents: Mr. C.R.Malarvannan
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Crl.Side)

ORDER

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

The brother of the convict-Dinesh S/o. Gangadaran, Convict Prisoner No.10204 (PID No.13648), who is now confined at Central Prison, Puzhal -I, Chennai, aggrieved by the grant of six days Emergency Leave with escort, has preferred the above writ petition.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the impugned order insofar as it provides for escort is liable to be set aside and that this Court had earlier granted leave to the convict without escort and nothing untoward was reported.

3. The learned counsel for Government of Tamilnadu (Crl.Side) confirms the fact that when the convict was released earlier on Emergency Leave without escort, nothing untoward had been reported.



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4. By the impugned order, the 3rd respondent had granted six days Emergency Leave finding the reason stated, viz., that the brother of the convict prisoner/petitioner herein is sick, to be true. The convict prisoner was earlier granted 6 days Emergency Leave by an order of this Court dated 21.11.2024 in WP No.34867 of 2024 without escort and admittedly, nothing untoward was reported during the period of leave. Hence, we are of the view that the 3rd respondent is not justified in requiring escort. Therefore, the impugned order to that extent is modified and the 3rd respondent is directed to grant six days Emergency Leave to the convict without escort, commencing from 27.08.2026.

5. With the above direction, the writ petition stands allowed. Consequently, the connected writ miscellaneous petition is closed.

(A.S.M.,J.) (S.M.,J.)
24-08-2026

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