



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

WP CrI. No. 1171 of 2025

AND

WPMP CRL. NO. 557 OF 2025, WPMP CRL. NO. 558 OF 2025

S.Ganesan
S/o.Sitharaman,
No.5, Sundar Nagar 7th Street,
Alapakkam, Porur,
Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu - 600 116.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu, Rep. by its
Secretary to Government,
Public (Foreigners-III) Department,
Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Inspector General of Police,
Office of Inspector General of Police,
Crime Branch CID, Chennai - 08.
3. The Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Intelligence (Internal Security),
Chennai - 04.
4. The District Collector,
District Collectorate,
Tiruchirapalli District,
Tamil Nadu - 620001.
5. The Commissioner of Police
Tiruchirappalli City,
Pudukottai Main Road, Opp Central Prison,
Subramaniyapuram, Tiruchirappalli,
Tamil Nadu - 620023.



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6. The Inspector of Police,
CB-CID, Cyber Crime Cell,
Chennai.
7. Union Of India
Represented by Secretary,
The Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block,
Central Secretariat, New Delhi-110001.
8. Foreigners Regional Registrar Officer
Foreigners Regional Registration Office,
No 26, Shastri Bhavan, Annex Building,
Haddows Road, Nungambakkam,
Chennai-600034.

(R7 and R8 are impleaded as per the order of
this court dated 03.12.2025 in
WPMP.CrI.No.746 of 2025 in WP.CrI.No.1171
of 2025)

..Respondent(s)

Prayer:

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue Writ of Certiorari calling for the records the records pertaining to the order passed by the 1st respondent in G.O.(1D) No.414 dated 18.09.2024, and quash the same.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.D.Prasanna Kumar

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Ganesh Kumar for R1 to R6
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Criminal Side)
High Court of Madras
Assisted by Mr.Mohammed Imran.A
Mr.C.V.Shyam Sunder for R7 & R8

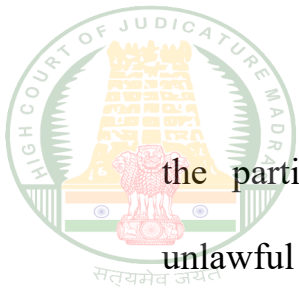


ORDER

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This writ petition has been filed challenging the order dated 18.09.2024 passed by the first respondent, thereby directed the petitioner to reside in the Special Camp identified and located by the District Collector, Tiruchirappalli District till the disposal of the case / deportation.

2.The petitioner is a Malaysian national and an individual of Indian origin. The petitioner has been granted the status of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) by the High Commission of India, vide OCI Card No.A359907, dated 31.12.2019. Therefore, the petitioner can visit India multiple times during his lifetime and he is permitted to stay anywhere in India without any time restriction subject to compliance with Indian laws. While being so, the petitioner while he visited India was implicated as accused in Crime No.01 of 2024 on the file of the sixth respondent for the offence punishable under Sections 419, 420, 468, 471, 120-B IPC and Sections 4 and 20 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885. In pursuance to the registration of FIR, the petitioner was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 19.06.2024. FIR got registered alleging that during the departure of A1 to Malaysia, the Immigration Officer found 22 Indian SIM cards in his possession, without any lawful justification. It was further alleged that the petitioner along with the other accused had procured SIM cards in the names of members of the general public and supplied



the particulars to scamming companies operating in Foreign nations for unlawful monetary gain. Subsequently, the petitioner filed bail petition in

CrI.O.P.No.22392 of 2024 before this Court and this Court granted bail by order dated 19.09.2024 on certain conditions, however, the petitioner failed to satisfy the learned XI Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai and the petitioner is still in Central Prison, Puzhal, Thiruvallur District.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that during the investigation, passport of the petitioner was seized by the sixth respondent, even then the satisfaction Magistrate insisted the petitioner to produce the passport. In the meanwhile, the first respondent passed the impugned order, thereby directed the petitioner to reside in the Special Camp identified and located by the District Collector, Tiruchirappalli District. However, the petitioner is still in prison. Whenever the petitioner got released from prison as per the bail order by satisfying the learned XI Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai, he cannot be directed to reside in the Special Camp as identified by the District Collector, Trichy. Since the petitioner is Overseas Citizen of India Card holder and as such he can have multiple entries to India and he can stay anywhere in India without any time restriction.

4.In view of the above, if the petitioner comes out from prison, he can stay in his residence in the given address on condition that the petitioner shall



not claim return of his passport from the trial Court and he shall provide his residential address along with his contact numbers to the trial Court and the sixth respondent. Further, the petitioner shall appear before the trial court on all hearings and the petitioner shall report before the sixth respondent once in a week i.e., every Monday at 10.30 a.m.

5. With the above directions, the writ petition is disposed of. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

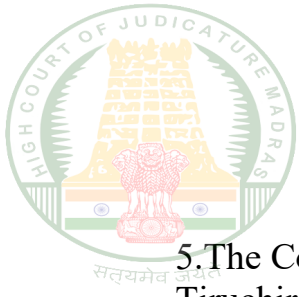
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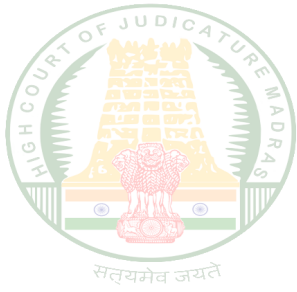


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