

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 21.07.2026

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**THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA
AND
THE HONOURABLE MS JUSTICE R. POORNIMA**

W.P.Crl.(MD).No.3871 of 2026

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..... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by the Principal Secretary,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.
 - 2.The Director General of Police/Director General of
Prisons and Correctional Sevice, C.M.D.A.Towers II,
No.1, Gandhi Irvin Raod,
Egmore, Chennai.
 - 3.The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons,
Madurai Range, Madurai Central Prison Campus,
New Jail Road, Madurai- 625 016.
 - 4.The Superintendent of Prison,
Madurai Central Prison, Madurai District – 625 016.
 - 5.The Inspector of Police,
E-5, Sholavaram Police Station,
Thiruvallur District.
- Respondents



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Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent No.3 to grant 28 days ordinary leave without escort to petitioner by name Raju, son of Alagar (C.P.No.5639), confining at Madurai Central Prison for making arrangements to petitioner's daughter marriage and to take care of the petitioner's wife for undergoing surgery in pursuance of Rule 20(iv),(vii) of the Tamil Nadu Suspension of Sentence Rules, 1982 and Rule 22 of the Tamil Nadu Suspension of Sentence Rules, 1982 by considering the petitioner's representation dated 15.06.2026 in accordance with law within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Dr.R.Alagumani

For Respondents : Mr.D.Venkatesh
Counsel for State of TN (Crl.Side)

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA,J.)

This Writ Petition has been filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the third respondent to grant 28 days of ordinary leave without Police escort to the petitioner, who is a life convict, presently serving sentence at Central Prison, Madurai by considering the petitioner's representation dated 15.06.2026.



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2. When the matter was taken up for hearing today, the learned Counsel for the State of TN (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondents produced a copy of the proceedings of the second respondent, dated 20.07.2026. On going through the same, it is clear that ordinary leave has been granted for 28 days to the convict with Police escort.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that on earlier occasions, the convict was granted emergency leave. The learned counsel further submitted that ordinary leave has been sought in order to make arrangements to the petitioner's daughter marriage and to take care of the petitioner's wife, who has been referred to undergo surgery. Therefore, it was submitted that the condition imposed by providing for escort may be modified.

4. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances and considering the reason, for which, the ordinary leave has been sought and also taking note of the fact that the convict was earlier granted emergency leave and that the convict complied with the conditions and no untoward took place, we are inclined to modify the condition imposed by the third



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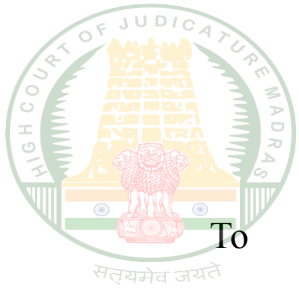
respondent by directing the convict to go on ordinary leave without Police escort. However, the convict shall report before the 5th respondent daily at 6.30 p.m. during the entire period of ordinary leave.

5. This Writ Petition (Criminal) is disposed of with the above directions. No costs.

(A.D.J.C.,J.) (R.P.,J.)
21.07.2026

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