



WP(MD)No.20226 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 22.08.2023

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**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH
AND
THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR**

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Patturani

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons,
O/o.The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons,
and Correctional Services,
Madurai Range
Madurai Central Prison Campus,
New Jail Road,
Madurai District

2.The Superintendent of Prison
Central Jail
Palayamkottai,
Tirunelveli District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents Nos.1 and 2 to grant ordinary leave to the period of 30 days to the petitioner's husband namely Sundar who is convicted in one murder case in C.P.No.619 and languishing in Central prison, Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli District for the past 10 years by considering the



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petitioner's representation dated 12.08.2023.

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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Mohamed Ali Jinnah
For Respondents : Mr.A.Thiruvadi Kumar,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by *M.S.RAMESH,J.*)

The petitioner herein had given a representation to the respondents on 12.08.2023 seeking release/premature release of her husband, namely, Sundar, (life convict CP.No.619) now confined at Madurai Central prison. Since the said representation was not considered, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

2.It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon the respondents to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of Constitution of India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.



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3. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the first respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation, dated 12.08.2023, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the claim of the petitioner and that it is open to the concerned respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

4. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(M.S.R.,J.) & (M.N.K.,J.)
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NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
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