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W.P.No.25576 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 02.09.2024

CORAM :

**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM**  
**AND**  
**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.SIVAGNANAM**

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... Petitioner

***Vs.***

The State represented by its,

1.The Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Department of Home,  
Fort St.George,  
Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Deputy Inspector General of Prison,  
Vellore Range,  
Vellore- 632 001.

3.The Superintendent,  
Central Prison Vellore,  
Vellore – 632 001.

... Respondents

**Prayer:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to grant ordinary leave for 30 days without escort to the detanu, Sureshbabu S/o.Selvaraj aged about 38 years, bearing convict No.3871, confined at Central prison, Vellore.



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For Petitioner : Mr.P.Bakiyaraj  
For Respondents : Mr.E.Raj Thilak,  
Additional Public Prosecutor

**ORDER**

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

The Writ Petition has been instituted for directing the respondents to grant ordinary leave for 30 days without escort to the detanu, Sureshbabu S/o.Selvaraj aged about 38 years, bearing convict No.3871, confined at Central prison, Vellore. The petitioner made a representation to the respondent on 24.06.2024 for the same. However, the representation has not been considered till date, the petitioner has come forward with this Writ Petition.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents.

3. 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-



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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.

4. In view of the above observation, this Court, without going into the merits of the petitioner's representation or the contentions of the petitioner in the affidavit filed in support of this Writ Petition, directs the respondents to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 24.06.2024, if not already disposed of and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and communicate the same to the petitioner.

5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

[S.M.S., J.]

[V.S.G., J.]

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- 4.The Public Prosecutor,  
Madras High Court,  
Chennai - 104.

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