



W.P.No.14677 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 24.04.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. SENTHILKUMAR

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

2.The Director General of Police &
Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services,
Whannels Road, Egmore,
Chennai-600 008.

3.The Superintendent of Prisons,
Central Prison-1,
Puzhal, Chennai-600 066.

... 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 consider the representation of the petitioner dated 10.03.2025 and grant 28 days ordinary leave to the petitioner's husband namely Patturajan, S/o.Natarajan, aged about 54 years, Ct.No.2439, (PID 183139), convict



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prisoner, now confined in the Central Prison-1, Puzhal, Chennai-66.

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For Petitioner : Mr.P.Pugalenth
For Respondents : Mr.R.Muniyapparaj,
Additional Public Prosecutor
assisted by Mr.M.Sylvester John

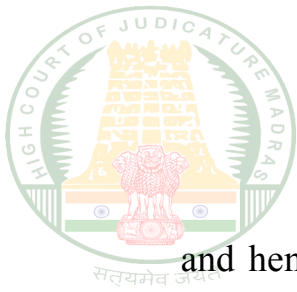
ORDER

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

The petitioner has given a representation dated 10.03.2025 to the respondents herein, requesting for grant of 28 days ordinary leave to her husband, who is a life convict. Since the said representation has not been considered till date, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

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 an Authority, there is a duty cast upon them 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 Authority would amount to dereliction of duty



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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 herein to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 10.03.2025, if not already disposed of and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of two (2) weeks 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.

[M.S.R, J.]

[N.S, J.]

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High Court, Madras.

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