



W.P.(Crl).No.132 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated: 17.12.2025

Coram:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.VELMURUGAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN

W.P.(Crl.).No.132 of 2025
and
W.P.M.P.(Crl.).No.64 of 2025

Velankanni, S/o Karunanithi

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State represented by its
The Deputy Inspector General of Prison,
Vellore Range, Vellore-632 002.

2. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Cuddalore-607 004.

.. Respondent

Writ Petition (Criminal) filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records in connected with impugned order, dated 19.03.2025 in proceeding No.RO-VLR/290/2025-CAMP(A) passed by the first respondent and quash the same and direct the respondents to grant ordinary leave for 30 days without escort to the detenue, Karunanithi, S/o Manoharan, aged about 55 years Convict No.15157, (PID No.585) confined at Central Prison, Cuddalore.

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For petitioner : M/s.S.Sadhana

For respondents: Mr.R.Muniyapparaj, Addl.P.P.

assisted by Mr.M.Sylvester John

ORDER

(The Order of the Court was made by P.Velmurugan, J)

This petition is filed praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records in connected with impugned order, dated 19.03.2025 in proceeding No.RO-VLR/290/2025-CAMP(A) passed by the first respondent and quash the same and direct the respondents to grant ordinary leave for 30 days without escort to the detenue, Karunanithi, S/o Manoharan, aged about 55 years Convict No.15157, (PID No.585) confined at Central Prison, Cuddalore.

2. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents produced a copy of the order of the Honourable Supreme Court in Criminal Appeal No.1078 of 2012, dated 08.12.2025 (Karuna and another Vs. State rep. by Inspector of Police and another), from which it could be seen that pending the present Writ Petition, the detenu has approached the Honourable Supreme Court and the Honourable Supreme Court released the detenu on bail.

3. The following is the order passed by the Apex Court:

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1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. Having regard to the fact that the applicant-appellant no.1 (Karuna) has already undergone nearly 24 years of custody as per the custody certificate dated 01.11.2025 and that his co-accused has already been released on bail, coupled with the circumstances that the final hearing in the instant appeal may take some more time, however, without expressing any opinion on the merits, the sentence awarded to the applicant-appellant is ordered to be suspended.

3. Consequently, the applicant-appellant no.1 (Karuna) is ordered to be released on bail subject to the satisfaction of the Trial Court.

4. The Interlocutory Application is disposed of accordingly.

5. Post the appeal for hearing on 01.04.2026."



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4. In view of the above order of the Apex Court, nothing survives for further adjudication in the present Writ Petition. This Writ Petition is accordingly dismissed as having become infructuous. Consequently, the miscellaneous petition is closed.

(P.V., J) (M.J.R., J)
17.12.2025

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1. The State represented by its
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Vellore-632 002.
2. The Superintendent,
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3. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras.



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M.JOTHIRAMAN, J

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