



W.P.Crl.No.679 of 2025

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 25.08.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH
AND

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN

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Krishnaveni

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The State of Tamil Nadu
Represented by its Secretary
Home Department, Fort St. George
Chennai 600 009

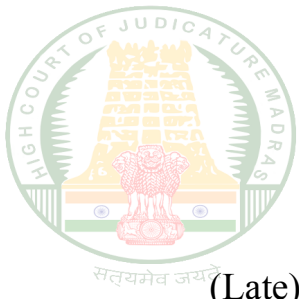
2.The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons
Chennai Range, Egmore
Chennai 600 008

3.The Superintendent of Central Prison
Central Prison, 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 petitioner's representation dated 10.08.2025 and grant the leave for 21 days ordinary leave to the life convict viz. Krishnan, S/o.

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(Late) Narayanan, aged about 45 years, now confined at Central Prison,
Puzhal-I, Chennai-66.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Jeevanantham

For Respondents : Mr.E.Raj Thilak
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

M.S.RAMESH, J.
AND
V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN, J.

The Writ Petition has been filed for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 10.08.2025 and grant the leave for 21 days ordinary leave to the life convict viz. Krishnan, S/o. (Late) Narayanan, aged about 45 years, now confined at Central Prison, Puzhal-I, Chennai-66.

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



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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.

4. In view of the above observation, this Court, without going into the merits of the petitioner's representation or the contentions of the affidavit filed in support of this Writ Petition, directs the respondents to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 10.08.2025, seeking for grant of 21 days ordinary leave to the convict prisoner, 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.

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

[M.S.R, J.] [V.L.N, J.]
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