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HCP No.2226 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04.11.2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN**

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Govindaraj
S/o.Narayanan,
Salem Main Road, Near Amsakulam,
Chilla Salem, Kallakurichi-606 201

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1.The Superintendent of Police
Kallakurichi District, Kallakuruchi

2.The Inspector of Police
Chinna Salem Police Station
Kallakuruchi District

3.Manikandan
S/o.Sakthivel,
No.48, Vadugar Street, Chinna Salem Town
Kallakuruchi District

Respondent(s)



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Habeas Corpus Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus directing the first and second respondents to produce the petitioner's wife by name Chinna Ponnu, wife of Govindaraj, aged about 37 years, before this Court from the illegal custody of third respondent and set her at liberty.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.T.Padmanabhan

For RR 1 & 2: Mr.A.Damodaran
Additional Public Prosecutor
assisted by Mr.M.Karthikeyan

ORDER

(Made by N.Sathish Kumar, J.)

This habeas corpus petition has been filed seeking to direct the first and second respondents to produce the petitioner's wife viz. Chinna Ponnu, wife of Govindaraj, aged about 37 years, before this Court from the illegal



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custody of third respondent and set her at liberty.

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2. According to the petitioner, his wife *viz.* Chinna Ponnu, aged about 37 years, went missing from 25.07.2025 and that she is in the illegal custody of the third respondent herein; though he has given a complaint on 22.08.2025, the police are not taking effective steps to secure her.

3. On instructions, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that on a complaint filed by the petitioner a case in Crime No.476 of 2025 has been registered for “woman missing” and during the course of investigation, it came to light that the petitioner's wife has eloped with one Manikandan, third respondent herein and investigation is in progress.

4. In such view of the matter, the police shall continue with the investigation and secure the detainee. As and when the detainee Chinna Ponnu, aged about 37 years, is secured, she shall be produced before the



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Magistrate Court, concerned, under intimation to the petitioner. On such production, the learned Magistrate shall pass appropriate orders with regard to custody in accordance with law.

With the above observation and direction, this habeas corpus petition stands closed.

(N.S.K., J.) (M.J.R., J.)

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nsd



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To

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2.The Public Prosecutor
Madras High Court, Chennai – 600 104



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