



WP.(MD)No.21180 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 24.10.2025

CORAM :

**THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE P.VELMURUGAN
and
THE HONOURABLE Mrs. JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI**

**WP.(MD)No.21180 of 2025
and
WMP(MD) No.16364 of 2025**

1. V.Muniyammal
2. A.Ramapriya
3. Hemalatha

... Petitioners

vs.

1.The Secretary to Government
Home Department (Prison),
Government of Tamilnadu,
Secretariat,
St. George Fort, Chennai - 9.

2.The Additional Director General of Police (Prisons) /
The Inspector General of Police,
Office of ADGP (Prisons) / I.G. of Prisons,
Thalamuthu Natarajar Maaligai,
Egmore, Chennai - 8.

3.The Deputy Inspector General of Prison
O/o. The Deputy Inspector General of Prison and Correctional Services
Department,
New Jail Road,
Madurai.



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4.The Superintendent of Prison
Central Prison,
Madurai.

5.The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons
Madurai Range,
Madurai.

6.The District Collector
Ramanathapuram District.

7.The Superintendent of Police
Ramanathapuram District.

.. Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition Criminal is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to immediately discontinue the practice of confining convict prisoners from 6 p.m to 6. a.m during the period of leave granted with escort by the jail authorities in Ramanathapuram district and declare that the practice of overnight confinement of convict prisoners during the leave period granted by the jail authorities with escort, followed exclusively in Ramanathapuram District, is arbitrary, unreasonable, discriminatory, and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India



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For Petitioners : Mr.S.Srikanth
For R2 to 5 and 7 : Mr.T.Senthil Kumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **P.VELMURUGAN. J.,**)

The prayer in the writ petition is to direct the respondents to immediately discontinue the practice of confining convict prisoners from 6 p.m to 6. a.m during the period of leave granted with escort by the jail authorities in Ramanathapuram district and declare that the practice of overnight confinement of convict prisoners during the leave period granted by the jail authorities with escort, followed exclusively in Ramanathapuram District, is arbitrary, unreasonable, discriminatory, and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India.

2. In view of the specific provision under Rule 25(3) of the Tamil Nadu Suspension of Sentence Rules, 1982, the relief sought for by the petitioners in this petition cannot be granted.



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WEB COPY 3. Hence the writ petition stands dismissed. No costs.

Consequently connected miscellaneous petition stands closed.

(P.V., J) (L.V.G., J)
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Index : Yes/No

Internet : Yes/No

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