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W.P.Crl.No.168 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02.02.2026

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

W.P.(Crl.)No.168 of 2026

Vishnu Varadhan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Superintendent of Police Station North,
Puducherry.

2. The Inspector of Police,
D Nagar Police Station,
Puducherry.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition (Criminal) is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus or direction in the nature of writ, to direct the respondents to give permission and police protection to the petitioner to conduct a Cock Fight program schedule to be held on 07.02.2026 and 08.02.2026 Mettupalayam Transport City RTO Truck Terminal, Gorimedu, Puducherry, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 01.12.2025 in accordance with law.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Ezhil Balaji

For Respondents : Mr.M.V.Ramachandra Murthy
Public Prosecutor (Puducherry)
Assisted by Mr.A.Alexander
Government Advocate (Puducherry)



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ORDER

The present Writ Petition (Criminal) has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to give permission and police protection to conduct “Cock Fight” at Mettupalayam Transport City RTO Truck Terminal, Gorimedu, Puducherry, on 07.02.2026 and 08.02.2026, by considering the petitioner’s representation dated 01.12.2025.

2. Mr.M.V.Ramachandra Murthy, learned Public Prosecutor (Puducherry), takes notice on behalf of the respondents.

3. In view of the consent expressed by the learned counsel on either side, this Writ Petition (Criminal) is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

4. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Public Prosecutor (Puducherry) appearing for the respondents submitted that in view of the directions issued by this Court in W.P.No.25985 to 25987 of 2025, vide order dated 13.08.2025, and in W.P.(MD) No.27950 of 2025 vide order dated 09.10.2025, a Circular Memorandum has been issued by the



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Inspector General of Police, Puducherry, in No.173/IGP-OW/2025, dated 05.11.2025, prohibiting Cock Fight in Puducherry.

5. It is pertinent to note that in W.P.(MD) No.27950 of 2025, this Court, vide order dated 09.10.2025, observed as follows:-

“A writ of mandamus can be issued only to enforce a legal right or a legal duty. The Petitioner has no legal right. On the other hand, the statute expressly prohibits an animal fight event organised by human beings.”

6. In view of the above submission made by the learned Public Prosecutor (Puducherry) and in the light of the order dated 09.10.2025 passed by this Court in W.P.(MD) No.27950 of 2025, the petitioner has no legal right to conduct Cock Fight which is banned in the State of Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry.

7. Accordingly, this Writ Petition (Criminal) stands dismissed.

No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No



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