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W.P.(CrI).No.408 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated: 26.02.2026

Coram:

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

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Ranganayagi

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Home (Prisons-IV) Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.
2. The Director General of Prisons,
Office of the Director General of Prisons,
Whannels Road, Egmore, Chennai – 600 008.
3. The Superintendent, Central Prison,
Office of the Superintendent of Central Prison,
Trichy-20.
4. The District Collector,
Villupuram, Villupuram District.
5. The Inspector of Police,
Kottakuppam Police Station,
Villupuram District.
(Cr.No.203/2007)

.. Respondents



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Writ Petition (Criminal) filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking to issue Writ of Mandamus, seeking directions to the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 20.01.2026 and consequently to direct the first respondent to consider release of the petitioner's husband by premature release based on the new rules viz. The Tamil Nadu Prison Rules 2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Anbuchezeiyan

For Respondents : Mr.R.Muniyapparaj, APP,
assisted by Mr.M.Sylvester John

ORDER

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

This petition has been filed by the petitioner, seeking directions to the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 20.01.2026 and consequently to direct the first respondent to consider release of the petitioner's husband by premature release based on the new rules viz. The Tamil Nadu Prison Rules 2024.

2 Considering the limited prayer sought for by the writ petitioner, without expressing any of our views on the merits of the case, we are inclined to direct the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation and pass orders on the same.



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3 Accordingly, the respondents are directed to consider the petitioner's representation dated 20.01.2026 and pass orders on the same on merits in accordance with law within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4 With the above directions, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(P.V., J) (M.J.R., J)
26.02.2026

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6. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Madras.

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