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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP Crl. No. 731 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA010646772026}

R. Afzal
S/o A.Rasool Baig,
No.100, Constable Road,
Railway Quarters, Aynavaram,
Chennai.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary to the Government
   Home Prohibition and Excise Department,
   Fort St.George,
   Chennai – 600009.

2. The Director General of Police
   Radhakrishnan Salai,
   Mylapore,
   Chennai.

3. The Commissioner of Police
   Greater Chennai Police,
   O/o The Commissioner of Police,
   Vepery,
   Chennai.

..Respondent(s)

To issue an order or any other orders in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 22.01.2026 and provide adequate police protection to the petitioner as per orders of this Honourable High Court order dated 23.08.2023 passed in WP.No.15176 of 2022 and pass such or other orders.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.A.Gouthaman

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For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Yogaraja Sekar
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Criminal Side) for R2 & R3

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The petitioner claims to be the Working President for the All India Other Backward Classes Railways Employees Federation. He claims to be facing threats on account of animosity that several people have against him. Therefore, he made a representation seeking police protection. This Court in W.P.No.29065 of 2019 directed the respondents to consider the same.

2. The petitioner states that he had received inputs on how to do away with him. Therefore, he filed another writ petition in W.P.No.1650 of 2021 seeking the police to consider the representation and provide him with police protection. That writ petition too, was ordered by this Court on 11.03.2021. The police granted him protection for a period of four weeks. Thereafter, they passed an order on 25.03.2021, calling upon him to pay a sum of Rs.1,67,328/- towards guard charges within a period of three days. The petitioner filed another writ petition in W.P.No.15176 of 2022 challenging the order passed by this Court in W.P.No.1650 of 2021 for deputing a police guard to the petitioner for a period of four weeks. This Court, while quashing the said order, directed the police to review periodically as and when there is a potential threat and a decision has to be taken by the police for police protection.

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3. The petitioner is before this Court again seeking police protection. According to him, his life is under great threat at the hands of rival parties. He gave a representation on 22.01.2026. As he received no response, he has moved this Court.

4. This Court had entertained the writ petition and directed the respondents to file the counter. When the matter was listed before me on 20.08.2026, I called upon the respondents to produce a threat assessment report of the petitioner. The threat assessment report states as follows:

(i) The petitioner is having a gun licence valid up to 31.12.2026.

(ii) The murder of the earlier office bearer was on account of personal disputes that existed between the deceased and the assailants.

(iii) The police have placed point book, besides the CCTV at the office and are actively monitoring the situation.

(iv) In the assessment of the police, the petitioner is not facing threat from any quarters.

5. Insofar as the police protection is concerned, it is a matter which is purely within the realm of the Executive. The threat assessment report that has been submitted before the Court indicates that there is absolutely no threat

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which the petitioner currently faces. Even otherwise, the report points out that the police have been taking all preventive steps to ensure that no harm comes to the petitioner. That being the situation, the mandamus that is sought for by the petitioner cannot be granted.

6. The writ petition is dismissed.

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