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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

WP No. 11407 of 2026

AND

WMP Nos. 12415 & 12417 of 2026

K.Narayanan
S/o. A. Krishnan,
Plot No.42, Jothi Nagar,
1st Street, Annanur, Avadi,
Chennai-109.

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Director General of Police
Armed Police,
Kilpauk, Chennai-10.
2. The Inspector General of Police
Armed Police,
Kilpauk, Chennai-10

..Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Certiorari calling for records and quashing the impugned transfer order passed by the 2nd respondent vide Rc. No.A1/4430/2026 R.O. No.145/2026 dated 13.03.2026 transferring the petitioner from ITSP IInd Battalion, Avadi to TSP 1st Battalion, Trichy on existing vacancy and pass



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For Petitioner:

Mr.Ravi Anantha Padmanabhan
Senior Counsel
for Mr.S.Dayanand

For Respondents:

Mr.R.U.Dinesh Raj Kumar
Additional Government Pleader for R1 & R2

ORDER

The writ petition has been filed seeking to quash the impugned transfer order passed by the second respondent vide Rc.No.A1/4430/2026 R.O. No.145/2026 dated 13.03.2026 transferring the petitioner from TSP II Battalion, Avadi to TSP I Battalion, Trichy.

2. The petitioner had joined the Police Department as Grade II P.C. on 16.03.1994, and by subsequent promotions, he was promoted as Head Constable in 1999 and Sub Inspector of Police in September 2007. Thereafter, in April 2020, he was promoted as Inspector of Police, Motor Transport Officer (MTO) ,and his first posting was at TSP XVth Battalion, Sevoor Vellore District. Thereafter, he was transferred to various Battalion, the details of which are as follows :



Sl. No.	Place of Posting	From	To
1	Poonamallee, XIII Battalion	13.09.2022	25.08.2023
2	Pochampalli VII Battalion	26.08.2023	04.09.2025
3	Avadi II Battalion	12.09.2025	-

3. While so, he is now transferred to TSP I Battalion, Trichy vide impugned order of the first respondent dated 13.03.2026. Aggrieved by the present transfer which has taken place within a period of six months of his previous transfer, the petitioner is before this Court to quash the impugned transfer order.

4. The petitioner would submit that his wife is presently working in TSP, V Battalion, Avadi as Sub Inspector of Police and his son is studying in Engineering College at Chennai and his final year examinations are scheduled to be held in April, 2026. That apart, his mother who is aged 90 years is suffering from age old ailments and there is nobody to take care of his mother. Therefore, the present transfer is creating mental stress, both to him and to his family members.

5. The grievance of the petitioner is that when he was posted at Pochampalli TSP VII Battalion, he has sought for a transfer to Avadi Battalion, in terms of the G.O.Ms.No.930 dated 26.07.1977, and Circular Memorandum



dated 26.10.2023 issued by the DGP Head of Police Force, on the ground that his wife, who is also a Government employee, is posted at Avadi Battalion.

The same was considered and accordingly, the petitioner was transferred from Pochampalli to Avadi II Battalion, Tamil Nadu. However, within a short span of six months, he was issued with a transfer proceedings to Trichy TSP I Battalion.

6. The petitioner would submit that his present transfer was on account of transfer of one N.Ravichandran, who is on punishment, now working in Trichy Battalion to Avadi Battalion, and vice-versa, the petitioner was asked to report before Trichy with immediate effect. It is also the contention of the petitioner that there are several Inspectors of Police (MTO) in and around Chennai and other districts, who even having completed three years of their service, are still working in the same place without any transfer. Aggrieved by his transfer order, the petitioner had submitted his representation on 14.03.2026. Hence, the petitioner is before this Court to quash the impugned transfer order.

7. Heard the learned counsel on either side and also perused the materials placed before this Court.

8. A perusal of the records would indicate that this is his 4th transfer, which had taken place within a short span of 6 months of his previous transfer.



Admittedly, the impugned order did not state that there is any administration exigencies in transferring the petitioner to Trichy Battalion. Further, the G.O.Ms.No.930 Personnel and Administrative Reforms (Personnel.M Department), as well the Circular of the first respondent dated 26.10.2023, stipulates that “*where husband and wife are both in Government service, they should be posted or transferred to the same station in order to enable them to lead a normal family life and to ensure the health and education of their children*”. The second respondent had failed to note that the petitioner’s previous transfer from Pochampalli Battalion to Avadi II Battalion was based on his representation, in terms of said G.O., and Circular dated 26.10.2023, and now the second respondent had issued the impugned transfer order, which clearly shows total non-application of mind of the respondent.

9. In terms of the above observations, the writ petition is disposed of with the following directions :

- (a) The petitioner shall join the duty at Trichy Battalion, upon receipt of his relieving order.
- (b) The respondents shall consider the petitioner’s representation dated 14.03.2026, which has been given on the very next date of the impugned order and also shall take into consideration the fact that the petitioner has been transferred to Avadi II Battalion, based on his request, where he had been posted only on 12.09.2025, within a



period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this orders,
and if required, the petitioner shall be placed in any other Battalion,
which is closer to Chennai.

No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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