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W.P.(Crl.)No.1184 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 20.05.2026

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN**

**W.P.(Crl.)No.1184 of 2026
and
WPMP (Crl.)No.393 of 2026**

Saravanan
S/o.Kandhasamy
PID No.146064
Confined at Central Prison, Salem,
Salem.

.... Petitioner

-VS-

The State represented by its

1. The Deputy Inspector General of Prison
Coimbatore Zone
Coimbatore.

2. The Superintendent
Salem Central Prison
Salem.

.... Respondents

Prayer :

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records pertaining to the impugned order bearing No.CP-SLM/1014/2025-R4(JA), CP-



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SLM/1014/2025-R4(JA), dated 12.12.2025, passed by the 2nd respondent and quash the same and consequently, issue a direction directing the respondents to grant 28 days of ordinary leave without escort to the detenu, Saravanan, Son of Kandhasamy, aged about 59 years, Convict Prisoner, PID No.146064 confined at Central Prison, Salem.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Bakiyaraj

For Respondents : Mr.R.Muniyapparaj
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.)

Heard both sides.

2. The petitioner is undergoing life sentence in the Central Prison, Salem.

He was convicted for the offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. So far, he has undergone 9 years of imprisonment. He seeks 28 days ordinary leave without escort. His request was rejected on the ground that the Probation Officer has not recommended his case. Challenging the impugned order, the writ petition has been filed.



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WEB COPY 3. We went through the report of the Probation Officer. It is seen that even though the Probation Officer has endorsed the case of the petitioner almost in all aspects, the Probation Officer declined to recommend it on the ground that the reason cited by the writ petitioner was not correct. We are of the view that we need not take a strict view. Hence, the impugned order stands quashed.

4. We direct the respondents to grant twenty eight (28) days ordinary leave for the convict without escort.

5. The writ petition is allowed on the following conditions:~

(a) The convict-prisoner, Saravanan [PID No.146064], Son of Kandhasamy, now detained at Central Prison, Salem, is granted ordinary leave for twenty eight (28) days from 27.05.2026 to 23.06.2026 without escort.

(b) The convict prisoner shall be released from the prison at 05.00 p.m., on 26.05.2026 and he shall return to the prison at 10.00 a.m., on 24.06.2026.

(c) During the said leave period, he shall report before the Inspector of



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Police, Vazhapadi Police Station, Salem District, daily at 07.00 p.m., from

27.05.2026 onwards, without fail.

(d) During the leave period, the convict prisoner shall abide by all the conditions prescribed in the Jail Manual.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

[G.R.S.,J.] [V.L.N.,J.]

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Index : Yes/No

Speaking order / Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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To

1. The Deputy Inspector General of Prison
Coimbatore Zone
Coimbatore.
2. The Superintendent
Salem Central Prison
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3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

Copy to:

The Inspector of Police,
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