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W.P.(Crl.) No.1197 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.1197 of 2026
and
W.P.M.P.(Crl) No.399 of 2026**

Usha Sharma
W/o.David Inbaraj

.... Petitioner

-vs-

1. The Home Secretary
Home Department (Prison)
Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai – 600 009.
2. The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons,
Chennai Range, Chennai.
3. The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison I,
Puzhal, Chennai – 600 066.

.... 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 relating to the proceedings in No.1011/Muu1/2025 dated 23.12.2025 by the second respondent and quash the same and consequently direct the second respondent to grant 28 days ordinary leave without escort to petitioner's husband David Inbaraj, S/o.Rathinam, CT No.5773/ PID No.485763, is



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presently confined in Central Prison-I, Puzhal, Chennai – 600 066.

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For Petitioner : Ms.R.Bakiyalakshmi

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 writ petitioner's husband was convicted for an offence under POCSO Act, 2012 and he is undergoing ten years rigorous imprisonment in Central Prison I, Puzhal, Chennai. The judgement was rendered on 19.11.2014. The prisoner went on 21 days' ordinary leave without escort pursuant to the orders of this Court dated 25.04.2025 in W.P.No.10246 of 2025 from 02.05.2025 to 22.05.2025. Even before the expiry of one year period, a fresh application for grant of 21 days' ordinary leave was submitted. On this ground, the prisoner's request was rejected.

3. We do not find any ground to interfere. Since one year period has since expired, it is open to the petitioner to submit a fresh application. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor informs this Court that the fresh



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application, if any, filed will be considered on merits and in accordance with

law.

4. The Writ Petition stands disposed of accordingly, with the aforesaid liberty. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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

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Index : Yes/No

Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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