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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.KARTHIKEYAN

W.P.Crl.No.2964 of 2026

Case QR

CNR: {HCMA012622182026}

Rekha ..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State rep. by its,
   The Superintendent of Prison,
   Central Prison I,
   Puzhal, Chennai – 600 066.

2. The Inspector of Police
   H1, Washermenpet Police Station,
   Chennai – 600 021. ..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition (Criminal) is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction, directing the respondent, to grant emergency leave for 6 days to the detenu Anand Babu, S/o Mariya Selvam, PID No.63935, confined at the Central Prison -I, Puzhal, Chennai.

For Petitioner(s): Dr.S.Manoharan

For Respondent(s): Mr. C.R.Malarvannan,
Additional Public Prosecutor

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ORDER

(Made by A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.)

This Writ Petition (Criminal) has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to grant six days emergency leave to the petitioner's husband, Anand Babu, S/o Mariya Selvam, PID No.63935, who was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment vide judgment dated 17.09.2020, passed in S.C.No.282 of 2016, on the file of the II Additional Sessions Court, City Civil Court, Chennai, which was subsequently confirmed by this Court.

2. When the matter was taken up for hearing today, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner's representation had been considered and the convict prisoner was granted emergency leave for a period of three days with escort, vide proceedings dated 29.10.2026 in No.CP-PU1/3671/2026-R2.

3. In reply, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the convict prisoner was earlier granted six days emergency leave without escort pursuant to the order dated 11.08.2026 passed by this Court in W.P.(Crl.)No.1981 of 2026, during which period no untoward incident took place and no adverse remarks were reported against him. He also submitted that the convict prisoner undertakes to maintain good conduct during the leave period and hence, the emergency leave may be granted to him without escort.

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4. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case that the convict prisoner was previously granted emergency leave by this Court without escort, during which time he maintained good conduct, we are inclined to modify the condition imposed qua escort.

6. Accordingly, the first respondent is directed to release the convict prisoner on emergency leave without escort. The remaining conditions imposed by the first respondent vide proceedings dated 29.10.2026 shall remain unaltered.

7. With the above direction, this Writ Petition (Criminal) stands disposed of.

(A.D.J.C.,J.) (B.K.,J.)
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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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