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W.P.(MD) No.3946 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 12.02.2026

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE G.JAYACHANDRAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN**

W.P.(MD) No.3946 of 2026

A.Syed Ali

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.Union of India
through its Secretary
Ministry of Home Affairs
North Block
New Delhi-110 001
- 2.The Additional Chief Secretary
Home (Prison-IV) Department
Government of Tamil Nadu
Secretariat, St.George Fort
Chennai-600 009
- 3.The Member Secretary
Tamil Nadu State Legal
Services Authority
Madras High Court Campus
Chennai-600 104



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- 4.The Director General of Prisons
and Correctional Services
Department of Prisons and
Correctional Services
Tamil Nadu
No.6, EVR Maniyammaiyar Salai
Egmore, Chennai-600 008
- 5.The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons
Office of the DIG of Prisons
Madurai Range
Madurai-625 016
- 6.The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons
Office of the DIG of Prisons
Trichy Range, Trichy-620 023
- 7.The Secretary
District Legal Services Authority
Combined District Court Campus
Palayamkottai
Tirunelveli-627 002
- 8.The Secretary
District Legal Services Authority
District Court Campus
Madurai-625 020
- 9.The Secretary
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Combined District Court Campus
Trichy-620 001
- 10.The Superintendent of Prison
Central Prison, Palayamkottai
Tirunelveli-627 002



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11.The Superintendent of Prison
Central Prison
Madurai-625 016

12.The Superintendent of Prison
Central Prison
Trichy-620 023

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus direct the respondents to immediately take necessary action for the strict implementation on the blanket prohibition on the use, possession and circulation of beedi and tobacco products in all Central Prisons Palayamkottai, Madurai, Trichy and District Prisons in South Tamil Nadu and also implement the mandatory segregation of non-smoking prisoners in separate, clearly demarcated barracks or quarantine cells which requires regular inspection and monitoring by the State and District Legal Services Authorities to ensure compliance, in accordance with law and within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Dr.R.Alagumani

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar
Government Pleader for R2
Mr.D.Sivaraman for R3, R7 to R9
Mr.K.Gnanasekaran
Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side) for R4 to R6, R10 to R12



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3. With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

[G.J., J.] [K.K.R.K., J.]

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NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes / No

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