



W.P.Crl.(MD) No.885 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 17.02.2026

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE R.POORNIMA**

**W.P.Crl.(MD) No.885 of 2026
and
WMP(Crl.)MD No.234 of 2026**

Dhanalakshmi

... Petitioner

-VS-

**1.The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons
Prisons and Correctional Services Department,
Madurai Range,Madurai.**

**2.The Superintendent of Prison
Central Prison,Madurai**

**3. The Superintendent of Police
Theni District**

**4.The Inspector Of Police
Thevaram Police Station
Theni District**

..Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of Certiorarified mandamus calling for the records of the order passed by the first respondent in No.126/Vu.tha.2/2026 dated 06.02.2026 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents 1 and 2 to grant 28 days ordinary leave without escort to the petitioner's son namely Manikandan, S/o.



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Lakshmanan, convict prisoner (CP No.6022, PID No.203593) now confined under Central Prison, Madurai.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Srikanth

For Respondents : Mr.T.Senthil Kumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN, J.]

The prayer in the petition is to quash the impugned order passed by the first respondent in No.126/Vu.tha.2/2026 dated 06.02.2026 and direct the respondents 1 and 2 to grant 28 days ordinary leave without escort to the petitioner's son namely Manikandan, S/o. Lakshmanan, convict prisoner (CP No.6022, PID No.203593) now confined under Central Prison, Madurai.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that her son was convicted by the Fast Track Mahila Court, Theni in S.C. No.95 of 2015 on 27.11.2020 and sentenced to undergo life imprisonment. Aggrieved over the same, the convict has also preferred an appeal before this Court in Crl.A(MD) No.154 of 2021 and the same was dismissed by this Court on 22.12.2023. The petitioner submitted an application seeking ordinary leave for a period of 28 days. After considering the request made by the petitioner, the first respondent granted



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emergency leave to the convict with escort.. The petitioner being a poor person could not afford the cost for escorts.

3. In view of the above, the condition imposed in the order dated 06.02.2026 directing the convict to go on ordinary leave with escort is modified and the convict shall go on ordinary leave without escort commencing from 25.02.2026. However, the convict is directed to comply with the usual conditions imposed by the jail authorities and he should also report before the fourth respondent police daily at 05.30 p.m. till the completion of leave period. He shall duly comply with the conditions and return to the prison on expiry of the leave period.

4. Accordingly, the order of the first respondent dated 06.02.2026 is quashed insofar as the ordering escort alone and the Writ Petition is disposed of. Consequently connected miscellaneous petition stands closed.

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

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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