



W.P.CrL.(MD) No.1073 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED :26.02.2026

CORAM:

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

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... Petitioner

-VS-

**1. The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons
and Correctional Services
Trichy Range, Race Course Road
Trichy- 620 023**

**2. The Superintendent of Prison
Central Prison,
Trichy- 620 020**

**3. The Superintendent of Police
O/o.The Superintendent of Police
Thanjavur District**

**4. The Inspector of Police
Natchiyarkovil Police Station
Thanjavur District**

..Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of Certiorarified mandamus calling for the records relating to the impugned orders passed by the first respondent vide proceedings in No.RO.TRY/81/2026-CA dated 10.02.2026 and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the first respondent to grant 21 days ordinary leave without



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escort to the petitioner namely Raja, S/o. Mahalingam, aged about 40 years, convict prisoner PID No.444594 confined at Central Prison, Trichy

For Petitioner : Mr.K.A.S. Prabhu
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.RO.TRY/81/2026-CA dated 10.02.2026 and direct the first respondent to grant 21 days ordinary leave without escort to the petitioner namely Raja, S/o. Mahalingam, aged about 40 years, convict prisoner PID No. 444594 confined at Central Prison, Trichy

2. It is the case of the petitioner that he was convicted by the Special Court for POCSO Act Cases, Thanjavur in Spl.S.C. No.27 of 2023 on 31.07.2023 and sentenced to undergo five years rigorous imprisonment for the offence under Section 10 of POCSO Act. Aggrieved over the same, the petitioner has not filed any appeal so far. The petitioner submitted an application seeking ordinary leave for a period of 21 days. After considering the request made by the petitioner, the first respondent granted ordinary leave to the convict with escort.. The petitioner being a poor person could not afford the cost for escorts.



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3. In view of the above, the condition imposed in the order dated 10.02.2026 directing the convict to go on ordinary leave with escort is modified and the convict shall go on ordinary leave without escort. 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 10.30 a.m., and 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. Further the convict shall not disturb the victim or her family members. If any disturbance caused by the convict the fourth respondent is directed to proceed in accordance with law.

4. Accordingly, the order of the first respondent dated 10.02.2026 is quashed insofar as the ordering escort alone and the Writ Petition is disposed of.

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

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