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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 26.03.2026

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**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH**

**AND**

**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN**

H.C.P.(MD)No.267 of 2026

Sankarammal

.. Petitioner / Wife of the  
Detenu

Vs.

- 1.The Additional Secretary,  
Government of India,  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and  
Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs)  
Room No.270, Krishi Bhavan,  
New Delhi – 110 001.
- 2.The Secretary,  
Government of India,  
Co-Operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department,  
Secretariat, Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.
- 3.The District Collector and District Magistrate,  
Tenkasi District, Tenkasi.
- 4.The Inspector of Police,  
Civil Supplies CID, Tenkasi.



5. The Superintendent of Prison,  
Central Prison, Palayamkottai.

.. Respondents

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Prayer :Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus, to call for the records, pertaining to the order of the detention passed by the third respondent in his proceedings M.H.S. (M).Confdl No.13/2026, dated 05.02.2026 and quash the same as illegal and produce the detenue namely Esakki, S/o.Thetchinamoorthy, aged about 36 years, now he is confined in Central Prison, Palayamkottai, before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Venkatesh

For R1 : No appearance

For R2 to R5 : Mr.A.Thiruvadikumar  
Additional Public Prosecutor

### **ORDER**

(Order of the Court was made by N. ANAND VENKATESH,J.)

The petitioner is the wife of the detenu, by name, Esakki, S/o.Thetchinamoorthy, aged about 36 years. The detenu has been detained by the third respondent by his order in M.H.S.(M).Confdl No.13/2026, dated 05.02.2026 holding him to be a "Black Marketer", as contemplated



under the Provisions of Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 (Central Act No.7 of 1980).

The said order is under challenge in this Habeas Corpus Petition.

2. When the matter was taken up for hearing today, it was brought to the notice of this Court that the detention order itself has been revoked by the Advisory Board.

3. Recording the same, the Habeas Corpus Petition stands closed.

**(N.A.V.,J..) (K.K.R.K.,J.,)**  
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