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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 15.04.2026

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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.420 of 2026

P.Manimegalai

.. Petitioner / Mother of the
detenu

Vs.

1.State of Tamil Nadu,
represented by the
Superintendent of Police,
Sivagangai District,
Sivagangai.

2.The Inspector of Police,
S.V.Mangalam Police Station,
Sivagangai.

.....Respondents

Prayer :Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus directing the respondents to produce the person or body of the petitioner's daughter / detenue, namely, Prabhavathi, aged about 19 years before this Court.



For Petitioner : Mr.T.Veerakumar

For Respondents : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

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

This Habeas Corpus Petition has been filed for a direction to the respondents to produce the petitioner's daughter, who is aged about 19 years and to set her at liberty.

2. Heard the learned counsel on either side.

3. The case of the petitioner is that her daughter was married to one Sonaiyan, who is the brother of the petitioner on 28.01.2026. The petitioner's daughter was studying in the College and she left for the College on 18.03.2026, but, however, she did not return back home in the evening. In spite of the best efforts, the whereabouts of the petitioner's daughter was not able to be ascertained. Hence, a complaint was given before the second respondent on 19.03.2026. Based on which, a woman missing FIR was



registered in Crime No.49 of 2026. Since no effective steps were taken by the Police, the present Habeas Corpus Petition has been filed.

4. When the matter came up for hearing on 01.04.2026, this Court directed the learned Additional Public Prosecutor to take instructions.

5. When the matter was taken up for hearing today, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor on instructions submitted that the preliminary enquiry made by the second respondent brought to light the fact that the detainee was not interested in marrying the petitioner's brother. Therefore, she has gone out of the house and she is having a relationship with one Narayanan.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the submissions made on either side, there shall be a direction to the second respondent to produce the detainee before the learned District Munsif-cum-Judicial Magistrate, Singampunari. On such production, the petitioner shall be put on notice. The learned Judicial Magistrate shall record the statement of the detainee and proceed further in accordance with law.



WEB COPY 7. This Habeas Corpus Petition is disposed of in the above terms.

(N.A.V.,J..) (K.K.R.K.,J.,)
15.04.2026

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To

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3.The Inspector of Police,
S.V.Mangalam Police Station,
Sivagangai.

4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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