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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 02.04.2026

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.RAMKRISHNAN**

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V.Sridevi

..... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Principal Secretary Home (Prison-
IV) Department, Chief Secretariat, St.George
Fort, Chennai-600 009.

2.The Deputy Inspector General of Prison,
Office of Deputy Inspector For General of
Prison, Madurai Range, Campus of the Madurai
Central Prison, Arasaradi, Madurai - 625 016.

3.The Superintendent of Prison,
Madurai Central Prison, Madurai.

4.The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Rajapalayam, Virudhunagar District.

..... Respondents



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Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the second respondent to grant the ordinary leave for 21 days granted by him in his proceedings No. 1161/Utha.2/2025 dated 17.11.2025 without Escort to the Petitioner's husband Vengadesh babu S/o. Srinivasan (CP.No.6236).

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Ramasamy

For Respondents : Mr.A.Thiruvadi Kumar,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by N.ANAND VENKATESH, J.]

This writ petition has been filed challenging the proceedings of the second respondent made in No.1161/Utha.2/2025 dated 17.11.2025, wherein the second respondent while 21 days ordinary leave has imposed a condition that the detenu will be accompanied by an escort.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.

3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor on instructions submitted that the ordinary leave was granted with escort, since the detenu is being granted ordinary leave for the first time.



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4. The detenu is a life convict and he is undergoing sentence at the Madurai Central Jail. The petitioner, being the wife of the detenu, made a representation seeking for 21 days ordinary leave on the ground that there is a family function and repair works will have to be conducted in the house and hence, funds will have to be arranged for the same. The second respondent, on considering the representation, through the impugned proceedings dated 17.11.2025, granted 21 days ordinary leave with a condition that the detenu will be accompanied by an escort. This condition has been put to challenge in this writ petition.

5. In our considered view, considering the reasons for which the ordinary leave has been sought for, we are inclined to modify the condition to the effect that the detenu will report before the fourth respondent daily at 06.00 p.m., during the entire ordinary leave period. Apart from that condition, the detenu is permitted to execute the sureties before the Superintendent of Prison, Madurai Central Jail, instead of executing the sureties before the Tahsildar and two sureties shall be the family members of the detenu. The other conditions imposed by the second respondent shall stand as it is.



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6. This Writ Petition (Criminal) is disposed of in the above terms.

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[N.A.V., J.] & [K.K.R.K., J.]
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