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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 19.06.2026

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

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Punitha

Vs.

..... Petitioner

- 1.The Home Secretary,
Home Department (Prison),
Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai-600 009.
- 2.The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons,
Madurai Range,
Madurai – 625 001.
- 3.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison,
Palayamkottai - 627 007.
- 4.The Inspector of Police,
Kottikodu Police Station,
Kanyakumari District.

..... Respondents

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records relating to the proceedings in No.452/Utha.2/2026 issued by the second



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respondent dated 05.05.2026 quash the same and consequently direct the 3rd respondent to grant 21 days ordinary leave without escort to the petitioner's brother namely Jack Thomas, S/o.Jeyadhas, PID No.70835.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Jenifar Bibin

For Respondents : Mr.T.Lenin Kumar
Counsel for State of TN (Crl.Side)

ORDER

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

This Writ Petition has been filed challenging the impugned proceedings of the second respondent made in No.452/Utha.2/2026, dated 05.05.2026, wherein the petitioner is aggrieved by the condition imposed by the second respondent while granting 21 days ordinary leave to the effect that the convict will be accompanied by an escort during the entire leave period.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Counsel for State of TN (Crl.Side) appearing on behalf of the respondents.



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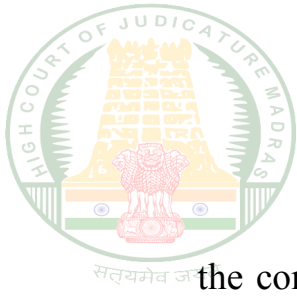
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3. The petitioner's brother is a life convict, who is presently serving sentence at Central Prison, Palayamkottai. A representation was made by the petitioner seeking ordinary leave on the ground that renovation work has to be carried out in his house and hence, financial arrangements must be made in that regard.

4. The second respondent, while considering the representation, was pleased to grant 21 days ordinary leave, but however imposed a condition that the convict will be accompanied by an escort. This condition has been put to challenge in the present Writ Petition.

5. The learned Counsel for State of TN (Crl.Side) submitted that the convict has undergone sentence of 3 years, 8 months and 14 days and till now has not availed either emergency leave or ordinary leave.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the grievance expressed by the petitioner and the reason, for which the ordinary leave has been sought for, we are inclined to modify the condition imposed by the second respondent to the effect that



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the convict shall report before the 4th respondent daily at 5.00 PM during the entire ordinary leave period. The other conditions imposed by the second respondent shall stand as they are and the sureties shall be executed before the jail authorities.

7. This Writ Petition (Criminal) is allowed with the above directions. No costs.

[N.A.V., J.] & [K.K.R.K., J.]
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NCC : Yes / No
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