



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 17.06.2026

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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.746 of 2026

M.Sornalatha

.. Petitioner / mother of the
detenue

Vs.

1.The Superintendent of Prison,
Tirunelveli District,
Tirunelveli.

2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Ambasamudram Sub-Division,
Tirunelveli District.

.. Respondents

Prayer :Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus, directing respondent Nos.1 and 2 to produce the person or body of the petitioner's daughter, namely, M.Sujitha d/o Murugan, aged about 24 years, before this Court and set her at liberty.



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For Petitioner : Mr.T.Thirumurugan
For Respondents : Mr.D.Venkatesh,
Counsel for the State of Tamil
Nadu (Criminal Side)

ORDER

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

This Habeas Corpus Petition has been filed for a direction to the first and second respondents to produce the body or person of the petitioner's daughter and to set her at liberty.

2. Heard the learned counsel on either side.

3. The grievance of the petitioner is that the petitioner's daughter, who was residing in Chennai, reached the residence on 08.05.2026 and she was staying with the family for some time. On 13.05.2026, the petitioner's daughter left to Chennai and thereafter, the whereabouts of the detainee was not able to be ascertained. Under such circumstances, a complaint came to be given before the second respondent, based on which, a woman missing FIR came to be registered in Crime No.415 of 2026 on 20.05.2026. Since



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no effective steps were taken to find the whereabouts of the detenue, the present petition has been filed before this Court.

4. The learned counsel for the State of Tamil Nadu (Criminal Side) on instructions submitted that the detenue went along with one Kowsalya to Coimbatore and she is living with the said Kowsalya. He further submitted that steps are being taken to find the whereabouts of the detenue and to record the statement of the detenue.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the submission made by the learned counsel for the State of Tamil Nadu (Criminal Side), there shall be a direction to the second respondent to find the whereabouts of the detenue and produce her before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Ambasamudram. The statement of the detenue shall be recorded by the learned Judicial Magistrate and the learned Judicial Magistrate shall proceed further in accordance with law.



6. This Habeas Corpus Petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

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

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- 2.The Superintendent of Prison,
Tirunelveli District,
Tirunelveli.
- 3.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Ambasamudram Sub-Division,
Tirunelveli District.
- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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