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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 26-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MRS JUSTICE K. GOVINDARAJAN

THILAKAVADI

WP Crl.(MD) No. 5729 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011469732026}

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Deputy Inspector General of Police
   Tirunelveli Circle,
   Tirunelveli.

2. The District Superintendent of Police
   Tenkasi,
   Tenkasi District.

3. The Deputy Superintendent of Police
   Sankarankoil,
   Tenkasi District.

4. Sujith Anand
   The Inspector of Police,
   Sankarankoil Taluk Police Station,
   Tenkasi District.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a WRIT OF MANDAMUS directing the Respondents 1 to 3 herein to conduct enquiry and investigation by initiating take action against the 4th respondent herein, based on the petitioner's complaint, dated 28.09.2026 within the time limit that may be stipulated by this Court.

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For Petitioner(s): M/s.P.Singaravel

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Suyambulinga Bharathi
Additional Public Prosecutor
for R1 to R3

ORDER

This petition is filed to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents 1 to 3 herein to conduct enquiry and investigation by initiating take action against the 4th respondent herein, based on the petitioner's complaint, dated 28.09.2026 within the time limit that may be stipulated by this Court.

2.Mr.K.Suyambulinga Bharathi, learned Additional Public Prosecutor takes notice for the respondents 1 to 3. Heard the counsel on either side and perused the records.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner's complaint/representation may be disposed of by the respondents.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner is a history-sheeted offender maintaining a history sheet on the file of the respondent police. Therefore, the respondent police are under a statutory duty to monitor his activities and movements. He submitted that

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the visits to the petitioner's residence are strictly part of routine surveillance in terms of the Police Standing Orders and do not amount to harassment.

5. It is well settled law that maintaining a history sheet and conducting surveillance on habitual offenders or persons with criminal antecedents in accordance with law is a permissible exercise of administrative power to maintain public order. Since it is submitted that history sheet is opened against the petitioner, the petitioner can work out his remedies in accordance with law before the competent forum.

6. Recording the submissions of the learned Additional Public Prosecutor and with the above said observations, this writ petition is dismissed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To
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   Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
   Madurai.

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