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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 23-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE P.MURUGAN

WP Crl.(MD) No. 5816 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011529802026}

Viniba Janet
W/o. Basil,
10/83, Sathira Street,
Kanimadam,
Anjugramam,
Kanniyakumari District.

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The State of Tamilnadu
   The Home Secretary,
   Home Department (Prison),
   Secretariat,
   Fort St. George,
   Chennai - 600 009.

2. The Deputy Inspector General of Prisons
   Chennai Range,
   Chennai.

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

4. The Inspector of Police,
   Anjugramam Police Station,
   Kanyakumari District.

..Respondents

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PRAYER: may be pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant six days emergency leave without escort to the petitioner's husband P.M.Basil, S/o.P.Ponswamy, PID No. 111728, confined at Central Prison, Vellore.

For Petitioner: Mr.R.Jenifar Bibin

For Respondents: Mr.C.Christopher,
Addl. Public Prosecutor.

ORDER

Heard both sides.

2.The petitioner's husband was sentenced to life imprisonment. The petitioner seeks emergency leave for six days.

3.We are satisfied with the reasons set out in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition. We, therefore, direct the third respondent to grant three (3) days emergency leave for the convict without escort.

4.The writ petition is allowed on the following conditions:-

(a)The convict-prisoner, P.M.Basil, S/o.P.Ponswamy, PID No.111728, confined at Central Prison, Vellore is granted emergency leave for three (3) days from 28.10.2026 to 30.10.2026 without escort.

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(b) The convict prisoner shall be released from the prison at 10.00 a.m., on 27.10.2026 and he shall return to the prison at 05.00 p.m., on 31.10.2026.

(c) During the said leave period, he shall report before the fourth respondent daily at 08.00 p.m., from 28.10.2026 onwards, without fail.

(d) During the leave period, the convict prisoner shall abide by all the conditions prescribed in the Jail Manual.

(G.R.S.,J.) (P.M.N.,J.)
23-10-2026

Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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Issue order copy on 26.10.2026.

To

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