

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

WP. CrI.No.716 of 2026

Lakshmi (F/70)
W/o. Krishnan
D.No.87L Thagur Street,
Mullaivadi, Vadakkukadu, Attur,
Salem – 636 401.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The State represented by its,
1.The Director Inspector General of Prison,
Coimbatore Range,
Coimbatore Central Prison,
Coimbatore – 641 018.

2.The Superintendent,
Salem Central Prison,
Salem 636 007.

..Respondent(s)

PETITION filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant Emergency leave for 15 days without escort to the detenu, Muniraj, S/o. Krishnan, aged about 47 years, convict prisoner, bearing PID No.47499 confined at central prison Salem.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Ezhilarasu

For Respondent(s): Mr. R. Muniyapparaj,



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Additional Public Prosecutor,
Assisted By Mr. M. Sylvester John

ORDER

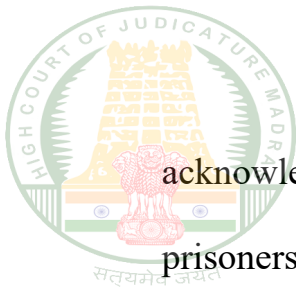
(Order of the Court was made by Dr.Anita Sumanth J.)

Mr.R.Muniyapparaj, learned Additional Public Prosecutor assisted by Mr.M.Sylvester John, learned counsel accepts notice for the respondents and has received instructions in full. Hence, by consent of both learned counsel, this Writ Petition is disposed finally even at the stage of admission.

2. The plea for mandamus does not survive any further, since pending the institution of this Writ Petition, the representation for emergency leave of Muniraj, convict prisoner at Central Prison, Salem has been rejected on 25.02.2026. The order of rejection has also been communicated to the convict on the same day.

3. Granting liberty to the petitioner/convict to challenge order dated 25.02.2026, this Writ Petition is closed.

4. We must mention that the acknowledgement on the order of rejection does not inspire confidence, as there is an apparent difference between the signature and the handwriting in which the date has been affixed. Though we leave the matter as it is in the present case, we direct the Jail Superintendent of all Jails in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry to maintain a register for recording



acknowledgement of service of communications/orders on the convict prisoners. The register shall contain the name and number of the convict, his/her signature, the date on which the acknowledgement has been received and the endorsement by the concerned Jail Superintendent. These directions shall be implemented forthwith.

(A.S.M.,J) (S.M.,J)
01-04-2026

Index: Yes/No

Speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes

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To

1. The Inspector General of Prisons, Whannels Road, Egmore, Chennai-8.
2. The Inspector General of Prisons, No.2, Mathur Road, Periyakalpet, Central Prison, Puducherry
Puducherry PIN - 605 014
3. The Director Inspector General of Prison,
Coimbatore Range,
Coimbatore Central Prison,
Coimbatore – 641 018.
4. The Superintendent,
Salem Central Prison,
Salem 636 007.
5. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.
6. The Public Prosecutor
Government of Pudhucherry.



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