

IN THE SPECIAL COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF NIA CASES, ERNAKULAM

Present: Sri. P.K. Mohandas, Judge for the trial of NIA Cases

Wednesday the 14th day of January, 2026 / 24th Pousha, 1947.

Crl.M.P. No.01/2026

In

SC.02/2021/NIA/KOC

Petitioner/Accused No.19

Iyyappan S/o. Ganesan, 2/2018, South Street, Kundalpuri Nattham, Viridhunagar District, Tamil Nadu.

By Adv. Sri. Thushar Nirmal Sarathy

Complainant

Union of India represented by National Investigation Agency, Kochi.

**By Sri. Arjun Ambalappatta
(Senior Public Prosecutor, NIA) and
Sri. Sreenath.S (Public Prosecutor,
NIA).**

This petition is came up for hearing before me on 14.01.2026 in the presence of the counsel for the petitioner and respondent and Court on the same day passed the following:

ORDER

This is an application filed by the 19th accused in this case, seeking permission for special interview with his family in prison.

2. According to the petitioner, he has been undergoing detention in

connection with the above case for the past three and half years and is currently lodged at the Central Prison, Viyyur. The petitioner hails from Virudhunagar District, Tamil Nadu and his wife and children reside there. Since his family resides outside the State of Kerala, it is difficult for them to meet him frequently in prison and could not meet him in the court premises during trial due to escort reasons. As per the Kerala Prison Rules, escort parole is not permitted for meeting relatives from outside the State of Kerala, except in the event of death. The petitioner, is a father and he is unable to perform his duty as such and wants to discuss the future of his children and maintain a healthy relationship with his family. Therefore he seeks permission to interact with his family for four hours once in every two months within the prison premises during the period of his judicial custody. The petitioner seeks a direction to the Superintendent of the prison to permit him to have a special interview ensuring privacy once in every two months.

3. The Superintendent of Central Prison, Viyyur filed a report stating that Rule 820 of the Kerala Prison Rules, 2014, provides that the time allowed for a visit shall not normally exceed half an hour, and Rule 818 states that such visits shall be conducted in the presence of a prison officer. It is further submitted that the prison has the facility of online video conferencing for persons who are unable to visit the prison due to distance.

4. I have heard the Special Public Prosecutor and the petitioner. The learned Public Prosecutor submitted that he has no serious objection in allowing the application.

5. The petitioner has been undergoing detention for three years. According to him, as he hails from outside the State of Kerala, the Kerala Prison Rules do not permit escort parole for meeting relatives, except in the event of death.

6. On hearing both sides and considering the request of the petitioner, I am of the view that directions can be issued to the Superintendent of the Jail to provide reasonable opportunity to the petitioner to interact with his family and to provide suitable facilities as permitted by rules.

Hence, the petition is allowed in part. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Viiyur shall permit the petitioner to interact with his family for one hour on any day once in every two months. He shall also provide suitable facilities for the interaction, as permitted by rules. Copy of the order shall be communicated to the petitioner.

Dictated to the Confidential Asst., transcribed and typewritten by her, corrected and pronounced by me in open court on this the 14th day of January, 2026.

Sd/-
P. K. Mohandas
Judge, Special Court for NIA Cases

Appendix: Nil

Id/-
Judge, Special Court for NIA Cases
(By Order)

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