

IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL SESSIONS JUDGE, CHENNAI

Present: Thiru S. Karthikeyan, M.A., M.L., M.Sc., P.G.D.C.F.Sc.,

Principal Sessions Judge

Wednesday, the 7th day of January, 2026.

Crl.M.P.No.18 / 2025

in

S.C.No.425/2024

K. Haridharan,

.. Petitioner / 19th Accused

Vs.

1. The State, Represented by
Special Investigation officer,
Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Koyabedu Police Rance,
Maduravoyal, Chennai

.. complainant/respondent police

2. The Superintendent of Prisons,
Central Prison - I
Puzhal, Chennai.

.. Respondent / Prison Authority

This petition is coming on today before this court for hearing in the presence of M/s.M. Che Castro, the counsel for the petitioner/accused and of the Special Public Prosecutor for the respondent police and upon hearing both sides argument and upon perusal of case-records and having stood over for consideration till this day, this Court delivered the following:

ORDER

1. Petition seeking to order recommending the prison authorities to treat the petitioner / 19th accused for "A" class accommodation / facility in Puzhal Prison-1, Chennai during the period of his judicial custody.

2. According to the petitioner, the petitioner is a practicing Advocate in Madras High Court, other courts in Chennai, enrolled with the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry in the year of 2016 vide Enrolment No.MS. 1897/2016. He is an Income Tax Assessee and owns moveable and immovable properties and his PAN No. CDOPK5184Q. He has been falsely implicated in this case, despite having no

connection whatsoever with the alleged offence. The petitioner suffering from severe stomach problems and was diagnosed with some serious issues and temporarily underwent treatment at Stanley medical college hospital. The petitioner is now lodged in judicial custody at Puzhal Central Prison-I in connection with the above case and is classified as a remand prisoner. As a qualified Advocate and as a member of the legal fraternity, he is eligible to be considered for A-Class facility in the prison as per Rule 815 of the Tamil Nadu Prison Rules, 1983, which permits the court to recommend such classification for an accused in judicial custody based on his social status, profession, educational background and conduct. He does not have any previous criminal antecedents and has co-operated fully with the investigation. Hence, the petition.

3. The learned Special Public Prosecutor submitted that since the prayer for providing Special class is to be decided as per the Prison Manual, the same may be forwarded to the Prison Authorities.

4. On a careful perusal of the records, it is found that the petitioner is a practicing Advocate. To establish the same, he has produced the copy of Educational certificate and Enrolment Certificate issued by the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. In view of the above documents, it is found that the petitioner has accustomed to a superior mode of living and therefore, as per Rule 815 of Tamil Nadu Prison Manual, this court is inclined to recommend to the District Magistrate to provide Special Class in the prison in which he was lodged.

5. In the result, this petition is allowed.

Dictated to stenographer, transcribed by him, corrected and pronounced by me in the open court this the 7th day of January, 2026.

Draft / Fair Order :

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Dated : 22.08.2025.

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Orders pronounced.

In the result, the petition is allowed.

P.S.J.