



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE P. VELMURUGAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN

H.C.P.No. 2440 of 2025

Rajappan
S/o.Munusamy

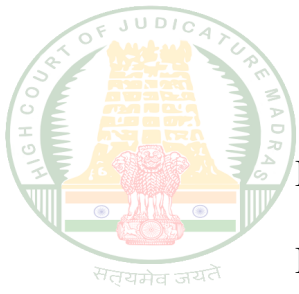
..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State rep.by
The Superintendent of Police
No.29, 1st Floor, Master Plan Complex,
Near Collectorate Office,
Collector Office Road,
Moovendar Nagar, Villupuram - 605 602.
2. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
No.29, 1st Floor, Master Plan Complex,
Near Collectorate Office,
Collector Office Road,
Moovendar Nagar, Villupuram - 605 602.
3. The Inspector of Police
Villupuram Taluk Police Station,
Villupuram - 605 602.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer:- Habeas Corpus Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, to direct the 3rd respondent to produce the petitioner's daughter namely Dhivya Bharathi, D/o.Rajappan, aged 28 years, before this Court and set her at liberty.



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For Petitioner(s):

Ms.C.N.Prarthana
for Mr.T.Krithika Devi

For Respondent(s):

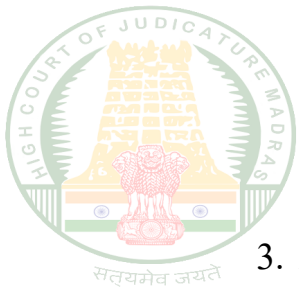
Mr.A.Damodaran
Additional Public Prosecutor
assisted by Mr.M.Karthikeyan

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by P.VELMURUGAN, J.)

This Habeas Corpus Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the third respondent to produce the petitioner's daughter namely Dhivya Bharathi, aged about 28 years before this Court and to set her at liberty.

2. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents filed a status report and submitted that, based on the complaint given by the petitioner, a case in Crime No.653 of 2025 was registered for "Women Missing" by the third respondent on 22.09.2025. He further submitted that the detainee, who is aged about 28 years is a mentally retarded person and had left the residence voluntarily on 22.09.2025. From the CCTV footage, it is seen that the detainee was self- murmuring and walked towards Villupuram Four Road signal and thereafter proceeded towards Thirukovilur Road on foot. It is further submitted that a Special Team has been formed and earnest efforts are being taken to trace the detainee by exploring all possible angles and that the investigation is in progress. Hence, he sought further time, assuring that the detainee will be secured at the earliest.



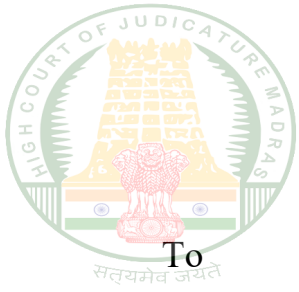
3. A perusal of the status report and upon considering the submissions made by the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, this Court is of the view that the detainee had left the house voluntarily and there is no material available on record to indicate that she is under illegal detention of any other person. It is also evident that the investigation in Crime No.653 of 2025 is in progress and a special team has been formed, which is taking earnest and continuous efforts to trace and secure the detainee.

4. In such circumstances, this Court is not inclined to entertain the petition at this stage. However, the respondents-Police are directed to expedite the investigation and find out the whereabouts of the detainee at the earliest. Upon securing the detainee, the respondents-Police shall produce her before the jurisdictional Court concerned.

5. With the above observations and directions, this Habeas Corpus Petition is closed.

(P.V.,J.) (M.J.R.,J.)
21-01-2026

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