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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 27.04.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN

H.C.P.(MD) No.289 of 2026

A.Jebastian

.. Petitioner / Father of the detenu

Vs.

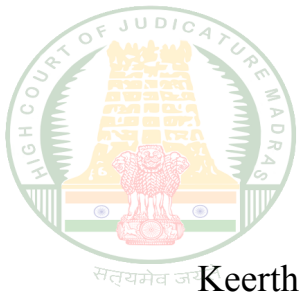
1.The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Commissioner of Police,
Tirunelveli City and District.

2.The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Tirunelveli City, Tirunelveli District.

3.The State of Tamilnadu,
Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Palayamkottai Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
Crime No.152/2026.

.. Respondents

Prayer :Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus, directing the respondents to produce the body or person of the petitioner's daughter / detenue namely Muthu



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Keerthana (aged 16 years), D/o.Jebastian before this Court and handover the custody to the petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Karansingh

For Respondents : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

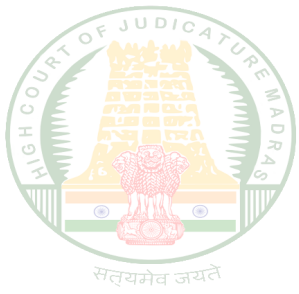
(Order of the Court was made by N.ANAND VENKATESH,J.)

This Habeas Corpus Petition has been filed by the father of the detenue to produce the body or person of his daughter and to set her at liberty.

2. When this case came up for hearing on 15.04.2026, this Court passed the following orders:

Pursuant to the earlier order passed by this Court on 09.04.2026, the matter was taken up for hearing today.

2. The detenue and the boy were produced before this Court. The parents of the detenue were also present before this Court.



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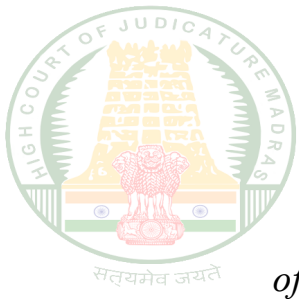
3. *The detenue stated that her date of birth is 02.07.2009 and that she was studying in the 11th standard and she had a love affair with the boy. She further stated that she wants to stay in a hostel.*

4. *The boy stated that he had a love affair with the detenue and that he never intended to elope with the detenue. However, since there was tremendous pressure on the girl's side, the detenue insisted that she wants to move out of her house. Therefore, as a victim of circumstances, he went away with the detenue.*

5. *The parents of the detenue stated that they will take care of her daughter.*

6. *Considering the age of the victim girl and considering the fact that they had a love affair and taking note of the submissions made by them in the Court, we advised the victim girl to go along with her parents for the present. We also direct the victim girl and her parents to be present before this Court on 27.04.2026. The boy is also directed to be present along with his mother on 27.04.2026.*

7. *The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that a girl missing FIR has been registered in Crime No.152*



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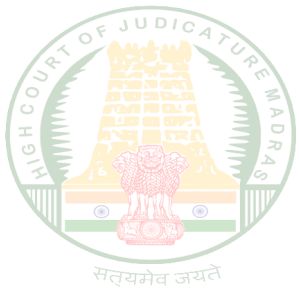
of 2026 by the third respondent.

8. Registry is directed to post this case on 27.04.2026

3. When the matter was taken up for hearing today, the detainee had come along with her parents. She stated that she will go along with her parents and continue her studies at Sarah Tucker Girls School, Palayamkottai. The boy was also present along with his mother. He stated that he has got a job offer at Coimbatore and that he is going to leave for Coimbatore and settle down his life. He further stated that he will not keep in touch with the girl and her family.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor, on instructions, submitted that a girl missing FIR is now pending before the 3rd respondent in Crime No.152 of 2026.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the interactions, we had with the respective parties, this Habeas Corpus Petition is disposed of in the following terms:



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a. there shall be a direction to the 3rd respondent to file a "further action dropped" report before the learned Judicial Magistrate I, Tirunelveli, and based on the same, the learned Magistrate shall close the case forthwith.

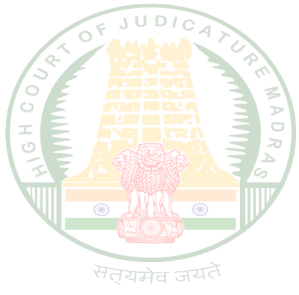
b. there shall be a direction to the Principal, Sarah Tucker Girls School, Palayamkottai, to permit J.Muthu Keerthana, 11th standard, to write the supplementary exams. On clearing the same, she may be continued in 12th standard in the same school.

6. This Habeas Corpus Petition is disposed of in the above terms.

(N.A.V.,J..) (K.K.R.K.,J.)
27.04.2026

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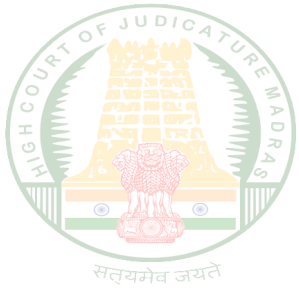


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Rep by the Inspector of Police,
Palayamkottai Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

Copy to:

- 1.The learned Judicial Magistrate No.1, Tirunelveli.
- 2.The Chief Education Officer, Tirunelveli.
- 3.The Principal, Sarah Tucker Girls School, Palayamkottai.



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