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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 17294-17295/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 30-06-2026 in RTMD No. 4/2026 30-06-2026 in CRLAMD No. 616/2026 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras at Madurai]

ANANDHASEKAR

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF TAMIL NADU

Respondent(s)

IA No. 279067/2026 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION

IA No. 276680/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 276681/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 21-09-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA

For Petitioner(s) : Ms. Trisha Chandran, AOR
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For Respondent(s) : Mr. S. Gowthaman, AOR
Mr. Abhisar Thakral, Adv.
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Mr. Nilesh Ukey, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

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1. Leave granted.

2. These proceedings arise from the judgment and order

dated 30.06.2026 of the Madras High Court, Madurai Bench in R.T.(MD) No.4 of 2026 and (MD) No.C/W Criminal Appeal (MD) No.616 of 2026.

3. The execution of the death sentence shall remain stayed pending the hearing and final disposal of the present appeal(s).

4. The original record of the case be summoned from the Trial Court and the High Court. A copy of the translated record shall be supplied to the counsel for the parties.

5. In view of the orders passed by this Court in matters involving capital punishment, we issue the following directions:

a. The respondent-State shall place before this Court the report(s) of all the Probation Officers relating to the appellant within a period of sixteen (16) weeks.

b. The Superintendent of Jail, Central Prison, Palayamkottai, Madras(Chennai), shall submit a report with regard to the nature of work which has been performed by the appellant while in jail and a report with regard to the conduct and behaviour of the appellant while in jail within a period of sixteen (16) weeks.

c. The Head of the Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital, shall constitute a suitable team

for the purpose of carrying out a psychological evaluation of the appellant. The report of the evaluation shall be submitted to this Court through the Standing Counsel for the State of Tamil Nadu within a period of sixteen (16) weeks.

d. Mr. V.S. Varunanvelu, who is associated with the Square Circle Clinic, NALSAR University of Law, is permitted to have access to the appellant, who is presently lodged in Central Prison, Palayamkottai, Madras(Chennai), to conduct multiple in-person interviews for the purpose of collecting information relevant to sentencing and to submit a Mitigation Investigation Report on behalf of the appellant through the appellant's Advocate-on-Record within twenty (20) weeks.

e. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Palayamkottai, Madras(Chennai), shall ensure that, for the sake of confidentiality, these interviews shall be conducted in a separate interviewing space without any prison official or police staff being within earshot distance, and audio recorders be permitted to be used to record the interviews.

f. A person nominated by Mr. V.S. Varunanvelu is permitted to accompany him to translate

during the interview.

g. Mr. V.S. Varunanvelu is granted permission to obtain documents pertaining to the appellant, including but not limited to medical records, jail conduct, certificates of any educational, vocational or employment opportunities undertaken, etc. that the appellant may wish to submit for the purpose of sentencing information.

6. The Registry is directed to transmit a copy of this order to the Standing Counsel for the State of Tamil Nadu, who shall, in turn, ensure that the order is communicated to the relevant authorities for compliance. The Registry shall, in addition, send a due intimation to all the concerned authorities immediately for compliance.

7. All the reports shall be duly compiled and placed before this Court on the next date of hearing.

8. Learned counsel for the parties to assist the Registry in pagination of the record.

9. List the matters after twenty (20) weeks.

(SONIA BHASIN)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR-CUM-PS

(RANJANA SHAILEY)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR