



W.P.No.28839 of 2024

S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.

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and
A.D.MARIA CLETE, J.

[Order of the Court was made by **S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.**]

The writ of mandamus has been filed directing the respondents to consider and dispose of the representation dated 21.09.2024.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner and the lawyers, who were present before this Court made submissions that the Prison Authorities are not providing sufficient opportunity to communicate with the prisoners. Restrictions imposed by the Prison Authorities are causing prejudice to the lawyers to secure instructions or to convey Court proceedings to them, which would affect the basic rights of the lawyers as well as the prisoners.

3. In this context, we have reminded the minutes of the meetings of the Officials of the Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai on 25.07.2023 in the High Court Building and the resolutions were communicated to the Officials concerned, who in turn ensured that they will initiate all appropriate actions to resolve the issues.

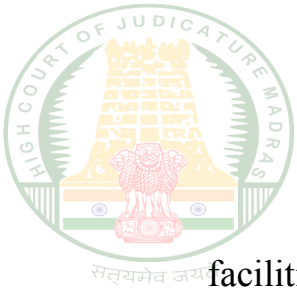


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4. Mr.E.Raj Thilak, learned Additional Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondents 1 to 3 would submit that some of the issues have already been solved and other issues are yet to be considered. Presently, time slot has been provided to the lawyers to meet the prisoners.

5. Lawyers would state that the time slot is allotted only to meet one prisoner and they are unable to meet multiple prisoners, for whom they filed vakalat in the Courts.

6. All these issues are to be resolved enabling the lawyers to meet the prisoners and communicate with them for securing instructions or to provide informations regarding Court proceedings and about other privileged communications. Other issues regarding providing toilet for women lawyers and men lawyers, seating arrangement for the lawyers who all are waiting at the hall, locker facility and other infrastructural facility required for the purpose of facilitating the lawyers and prisoners to communicate each other for conducting their cases or to communicate their grievances inside the prison or otherwise.



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7. In this regard, a comprehensive report is to be submitted regarding facilities to be provided and this Court has to consider the other aspects of the matter for the purpose of issuing further directions to the Prison Authorities to resolve the issues.

8. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor seeks some time to file a report.

9. Post the matter on 01.10.2024.

[S.M.S., J.] [A.D.M.C., J.]
27.09.2024

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