



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 07.09.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN

W.P.(Crl).No. 2254 of 2026

K.Padmanabhan
S/o. K.P.Krishnamurthy

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Central Bureau of Investigation
Represented by its Head of Branch
A Wing, Third Floor, Rajaji Bhavan
Besant Nagar, Chennai – 600 090.

2. The Bureau of Immigration
Represented by its Chief Immigration Officer
No.26, Shastri Bhavan Annex, Haddows Road,
Nungambakkam, Chennai -600 034.

... Respondents

For Petitioner : Mr. H.Karthik Seshadri

For 1st Respondent: Mr. B.Mohan
Special Public Prosecutor for CBI

For 2nd Respondent: Ms. M.P.Jaisha
CGSC

ORDER



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2. Ms. M. P. Jaisha reports that LOCs are confidential documents. Mr. B. Mohan, the learned Special Public Prosecutor for the CBI, concurs with this view.

3. *prima facie*, this Court is of the opinion that a person who is affected by any such proceeding should be made aware of it. This is because he can either choose to abide by the proceedings or take appropriate action against them. The Constitution of India guarantees certain rights to an accused person, including the right to know why he is facing adverse proceedings. This country does not follow a kafkaite trial but operates strictly in accordance with the Constitution, particularly Articles 21 and 22.

4. Ms. M. P. Jaisha and Mr. B. Mohan shall file an affidavit recording the following: (1) the reasons why the LOCs have been treated



as confidential, and (2) before the final report is filed and taken

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cognizance of, how a person should obtain permission to travel abroad.

5. The matter is adjourned to 16.09.2026.

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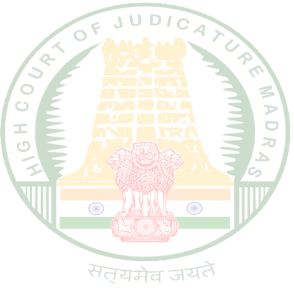
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