



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 09.04.2015

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A. SELVAM
and
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE V. S. RAVI

H.C.P. (MD) No. 1545 of 2014

Tamilselvi .. Petitioner
Vs.

1. State of Tamilnadu
rep. by Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition & Excise Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 9.
2. The District Collector & District Magistrate,
Thanjavur District,
Thanjavur.
3. The Inspector of Police,
Pattukottai Town Police Station,
Thanjavur. .. Respondents

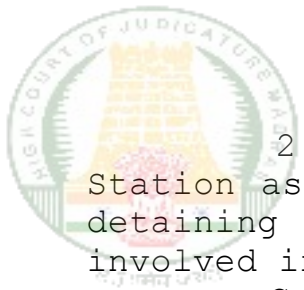
Habeas Corpus Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus to call for entire records pertaining to the impugned detention order passed by the 2nd respondent in P.D.No.84/2014 dated 13.12.2014 and quash the same and direct the respondents to produce the body of the detenu namely Manikandan @ Avasara Mani S/o. Pandian aged about 25 years, detained in Central Prison, Trichirapalli before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr. S. Rajaprabu
For Respondents : Mr. C. Ramesh, Addl. Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by A. SELVAM, J.)

This Habeas Corpus Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to call for records relating to the detention order passed in P.D.No.84/2014 dated 13.12.2014 by the detaining authority who has been arrayed as second respondent herein against the detenu by name Manikandan @ Avasara Mani S/o. Pandian and quash the same and thereby set him at liberty forthwith.



2. The Inspector of Police, Pattukottai Town Police Station as sponsoring authority has submitted an affidavit to the detaining authority, wherein it is stated that the detenu has involved in the following adverse case:

Crime No.44/2013, Pattukottai Town Police Station, registered under Sections 294(b), 324 and 307 of the Indian Penal Code altered into Sections 294(b), 324, 326 and 307 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. Further it is stated in the affidavit that on 25.10.2014, one Periyadurai @ Rajavarman as complainant has given a complaint in Pattukottai Town Police Station against the detenu and others and the same has been registered in Crime No.467 of 2014 under Sections 147, 148, 341 and 302 of the Indian Penal Code and ultimately requested the detaining authority to invoke Act 14 of 1982 against the detenu.

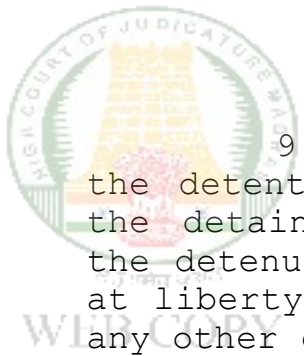
4. The detaining authority after considering the averments made in the affidavit coupled with other connected documents has derived subjective satisfaction to the effect that the detenu is a 'habitual offender' and ultimately branded him as 'goonda' by way of passing the impugned detention order and in order to quash the same, the present Petition has been filed by the mother of the detenu as petitioner.

5. On the side of the respondents counter has been filed, wherein it has been contended to the effect that all the averments made in the petition are false and ultimately prayed to dismiss the same.

6. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has contended that on the side of the detenu a representation has been submitted and the same is not disposed of without delay and therefore, the detention order in question is liable to be quashed.

7. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has contended that the representation submitted on the side of the detenu has been duly disposed of without delay and therefore, the detention order in question need not be quashed.

8. On the side of the respondents, a proforma has been submitted, wherein it has been clearly stated that in between column Nos.7 to 9, 4 clear working days are available and in between column Nos.12 and 13, 4 clear working days are available and no explanation has been given on the side of the respondents with regard to huge delay in disposing of the representation submitted on the side of the detenu and that itself would affect his rights guaranteed under Article 22(5) of the Constitution of India and therefore, the detention order in question is liable to be quashed.



9. In fine, this Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the detention order dated 13.12.2014 passed in P.D.No.84/2014 by the detaining authority/second respondent herein is quashed and the detenu by name Manikandan @ Avasara Mani is ordered to be set at liberty forthwith, unless he is required to be incarcerated in any other case.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (RTI)

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

To

1. Secretary to Government, Home, Prohibition & Excise Department, Secretariat, Chennai - 9.
2. The District Collector & District Magistrate, Thanjavur District, Thanjavur.
3. The Inspector of Police, Pattukottai Town Police Station, Thanjavur.
4. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Tiruchirappalli.
5. The Joint Secretary to Government of Tamilnadu, Public (Law & order) Department, Fort St. George, Chennai-9.
6. The Additional Public Prosecutor, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

+1cc to Mr.S.Rajaprabhu, Advocate, in SR. No.18247.

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