



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 10.06.2015

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

H.C.P.(MD)No.19 of 2015

Ganesan

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.

2.The District Collector & District Magistrate,
O/o. District Collector & District Magistrate,
Nagapattinam.

3.The Superintendent of Prison,
Trichirapalli Central Prison,
Trichirapalli.

.. Respondents

Habeas Corpus Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus to call for the records connected with the detention order of the Respondent No.2 in C.O.C.No.77/2014 dated 30/12/2014 and quash the same direct the respondent to produce the body or person of the detenu by name Palraj, S/o.Ganesan, aged about 24 years now detained in Trichirapalli, Central Prison before this Court and set him at liberty forthwith.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Alagumani

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 C.O.C.No.77/2014 dated 30/12/2014 by the detaining authority who has been arrayed as respondent herein against the detenu by name Palraj, S/o.Ganesan and quash the same and thereby set him at liberty forthwith.



2. The Inspector of Police, Sembanarkoil 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.

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Crime No.278 of 2012, Thiruvenkadu Police Station, registered under Sections 147, 148, 341, 323, 324 of the of the Indian Penal Code r/w Section 3(1)(x) of SC/ST Act.

3. Further it is stated in the affidavit that on 02.11.2014 one Samiyappan as defacto complainant has given a complaint against the detenu and others and the same has been registered in Crime No.434 of 2014 under Sections 147, 148, 307 and 302 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 3 of Explosive Substance Act, 1908 and 25(1-B) (b) of Arms Act, 1959 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 and 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 Habeas Corpus Petition has been filed by the father 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 two representations are submitted and the same have not been 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 representations submitted on the side of the detenu are duly disposed of without delay and therefore, the detention order in question does not call for any interference.

8. On the side of the respondents, a proforma has been submitted, wherein it has been clearly stated that with regard to first representation in between column Nos.7 to 9, 10 clear working days are available and in between column Nos.12 to 13, 13 clear working days are available and with regard to second representation in between column Nos.7 to 9, 15 clear working days are available and in between column Nos.12 to 13, 4 clear working days are available no explanation has been given on the side of



the respondents with regard to such delay in disposing of the representations 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.

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9. In fine, this Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the detention order dated 30.12.2014 passed in C.O.C.No.77/2014 by the detaining authority/second respondent herein is quashed and the detenu by name Palraj is ordered to be set at liberty forthwith, unless he is required to be incarcerated in any other case.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
- 2.The District Collector & District Magistrate,
O/o. District Collector & District Magistrate,
Nagapattinam.
- 3.The Superintendent of Prison,
Trichirapalli Central Prison, Trichirapalli.
(In Duplicate to communicate the detenu)
- 4.The Joint Secretary to Government,
Public (Law & Order) Fort. st., George , Chennai-9.
- 5.The Addl.Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

+1cc to MR.R.ALAGUMANI,ADVOCATE IN SR NO. 29690

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