

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15.2.2016

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.JAICHANDREN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.NAGAMUTHU

H.C.P.No.188 of 2015

S.Mariappan

.. petitioner

vs.

1. The Inspector of Police
Thudiyallur Police Station
Coimbatore - 641 034

2. Sakthivel Murugan

.. Respondents

H.C.P. has been filed to direct the respondents to produce the body of minor daughter Vellammal Veni, D/o.S.Mariappan, aged about 17 years, and set her at liberty.

For petitioner : Mr.Thomas T.Jacob

For Respondent : Mr.V.M.R.Rajentren
Additional Public Prosecutor
for R1
No Appearance for R2

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(The Order of the Court was made by M.JAICHANDREN J.,)

There is no appearance on behalf of the second respondent.

2. This Habeas Corpus Petition has been filed praying that this Court may be pleased to direct the first respondent to produce the body of the detainee, namely, Vellammal Veni, daughter of S.Mariappan, aged about 17 years, before this Court and set her at liberty.

3. The petitioner is the father of the detainee. The petitioner has stated that his daughter, namely, Vellammal Veni, who was studying in the 12th standard in a Government Higher

Secondary School, Coimbatore, had gone missing, on 14.12.2014. The petitioner has further stated that the second respondent had kidnapped the detainee. The complaint lodged by the petitioner had been taken on file by the first respondent, on 23.12.2014, in crime No.771 of 2013, as a girl missing case. However, no further steps had been taken by the first respondent to trace the detainee. Hence, the petitioner has preferred the present Habeas Corpus Petition before this Court.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the first respondent had submitted that the detainee had eloped with the second respondent. The first respondent has taken all the necessary steps to trace the detainee, as well as the second respondent. A status report, dated 3.3.2015 and the additional status report, dated 10.7.2015, had been filed before this Court.

5. From the submissions made by the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the first respondent and in view of the statements made in the said status reports filed on behalf of the first respondent, before this Court, it is noted that the first respondent has been taking sufficient steps to trace the detainee. In such circumstances, we do not find any reason to grant the relief, as prayed for by the petitioner, in the present Habeas Corpus Petition, at this stage. However, the first respondent Police is directed to continue with the investigation to trace the detainee and to take necessary steps, in accordance with law. Hence, the Habeas Corpus Petition stands closed.

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Assistant Registrar(CS III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To:

1. The Inspector of Police,
Thudiyallur Police Station,
Coimbatore - 641 034.
2. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court,
Madras.

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