



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 22.12.2016

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SUBBIAH**  
**and**  
**THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE NISHA BANU**  
**H.C.P (MD) No.803 of 2016**

Malliga

: Petitioner

**Vs.**

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

2.The District Collector and District Magistrate,  
Nagapattinam District, Nagapattinam.

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

: Respondents

**PRAYER:** Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus, to call for the entire records, pertaining to the impugned detention order passed by the second respondent made in his proceedings in C.O.C.No.45/2016, dated 14.06.2016, in detaining the detenu under the Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982, as a Goonda and quash the same and direct the respondents to produce the detenu, namely, Karthi @ Karthikeyan, S/o.Balaiyan, Male, aged about 30 years, who is detained in Central Prison, Tiruchirappalli, before this Court and set him at liberty forthwith.

For Petitioner  
For Respondents

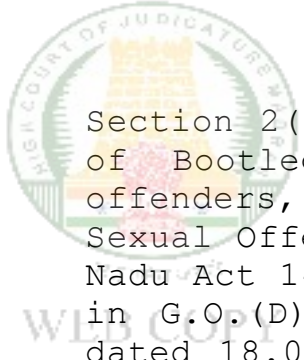
: Mr.K.M.Karunakaran  
: Mr.C.Mayil Vahana Rajendran  
Additional Public Prosecutor.

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**[Order of the Court was made by R.SUBBIAH, J.]**

This Habeas Corpus Petition is filed by the mother of the detenu - Karthi @ Karthikeyan, S/o.Balaiyan, Male, aged about 30 years, who is under detention, pursuant to the order passed by the second respondent in C.O.C.No.45/2016, dated 14.06.2016, under



Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers, Cyber Law Offenders, Drug-offenders, Forest-offenders, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders, Sand Offenders, Sexual Offenders, Slum-Grabbers and Video Pirates Act, 1982, (Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982), read with the order issued by the Government in G.O.(D).No.87, Home Prohibition and Excise (XVI) Department, dated 18.04.2016, under Sub-Section (2) of Section 3 of the said Act, branding him as "**Goonda**".

2. We have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondents. We have also perused the records produced by the Detaining Authority.

3. The Detaining Authority, expressing subjective satisfaction that the detenu conformed to the definition of "Goonda" and that his presence at large would be prejudicial to the maintenance of public order and also expressing subjective satisfaction that it was very likely that the detenu would come out on bail in the ground case, passed the impugned detention order. The said order is challenged in the present Habeas Corpus Petition.

4. The learned counseler for the petitioner submitted that the Detaining Authority, for the purpose of passing the detention order, has relied on one adverse case and one ground case. The above said first adverse case relates to the offences alleged to have been committed under Sections 294(b) and 506(ii) of the Indian Penal Code, whereas the ground case relates to the offence alleged to have been committed under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code. Thus, according to the learned counsel, the comparison is not proper and it may even show non-application of mind on the part of the Detaining Authority.

5. We have considered the above submissions.

6. As rightly contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the Detaining Authority relied on the bail granted in the first adverse case to arrive at the subjective satisfaction. The detenu came to adverse notice in first adverse case in Crime No.298 of 2015, registered on the file of Anaikaranchathiram Police Station, for offences punishable under Sections 294(b) and 506(ii) of the Indian Penal Code, whereas, the ground case is for an offence under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code. Thus, the comparison made by the Detaining Authority is not proper and it may even show non-application of mind on the part of the Detaining Authority. Hence, the plea of non-application of mind on the part of the Detaining Authority, as canvassed by the learned counsel for the petitioner, is liable to be sustained. On that score of detention is liable to be set aside.



7. In the result, the Detention Order, passed by the second respondent, in his proceedings in No.C.O.C.No.45/2016, dated 14.06.2016, is quashed. The detenu, namely, Karthi @ Karthikeyan, S/o.Balaiyan, Male, aged about 30 years, is ordered to be set at liberty forthwith, if he is not required for detention in connection with any other case.

8. In the upshot, we allow the Habeas Corpus Petition.

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Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,  
Madurai.
- +1 cc to Mr. K.Karunakaran, Advocate in SR No.82695.

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**ORDER MADE IN**  
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