

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 12.05.2017
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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.V. MURALIDARAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S. BASKARAN

H.C.P.No.234 of 2017

V. Kathavarayan

..Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition & Excise
Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Commissioner of Police,
Greater Chennai,
Chennai.

..Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS to call for the records pertaining to the order of detention passed by the 2nd respondent in No.1204/BCDFGISSSV/2016 dated 03.12.2016 and set aside the same and direct the respondents to produce the detenu, the petitioner's son K. Perumal before this Hon'ble Court, now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai, set him at liberty.

For Petitioner :: Mr.T. Muruganantham
For Respondents :: Mr.V.M.R.Rajentren,
Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

[Order of the Court was made by M.V. MURALIDARAN, J.]

The petitioner, who is the father of the detenu K. Perumal, has come up with this habeas corpus petition, challenging the detention order passed by the 2nd respondent, vide proceedings in No.1204/BCDFGISSSV/2016 dated 03.12.2016.

2. We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the State and we have also perused the records carefully.

3. Though, several grounds were raised in the petition, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would mainly focus on the ground that though there was no bail application filed by the detenu, in respect of second adverse case in Crime No.3119/2016 on the file of T-1 Ambattur Police Station, the Detaining Authority has said that the Sponsoring Authority has stated that the relatives of the detenu were taking steps to file bail application, in the above mentioned second adverse case, in which case there was real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail. The learned counsel pointed out that to arrive at such a conclusion, there was no material placed before the detaining authority at all.

4. The learned Additional Public prosecutor would submit that in the Special report submitted by the Inspector of Police, there is a statement to the effect that the relatives of the detenu were taking steps to file bail application seeking bail in connection with the second adverse case in Crime No.3119/2016.

5. We have considered the above submissions. Admittedly, as on the date of passing of the detention order, there was no application filed by the detenu seeking bail in Crime No.3119/2016 on the file of T-1 Ambattur Police Station. Though it is alleged that his relatives were taking steps to file an application for bail, there were no materials available before the detaining authority, except the report of the Inspector of Police. Even the report of the Inspector of Police does not spell out as to how he came to know that the relatives were taking steps to file application seeking bail. Full details as to who are those relatives, who were taking steps to file bail application also have not been mentioned. Thus, in our considered view, without making proper application of mind relating to these facts, the detaining authority has passed the detention order. Therefore, we are inclined to set aside the same.

6. Accordingly, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the impugned detention order, dated 03.12.2016, passed by the 2nd respondent is set aside. The detenu is directed to be released forthwith unless his presence is required in connection with any other case.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

- 1) The Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition & Excise
Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Commissioner of Police,
Greater Chennai, Chennai.
3. The Superintendent Central Prison,
Puzhal.
4. The Joint Secretary to Government,
Public (L & O) Fort.St. George,
Chennai-9.
5. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Chennai.

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