

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 24.10.2017

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE RAJIV SHAKDHER

and

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR

H.C.P. No.743 of 2017

Bhavani

... Petitioner

-VS-

1.The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By its Secretary to Government
Prohibition and Excise Department (Home)
Secretariat, Chennai - 9.

2.The Commissioner of Police
Chennai.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus, calling for the records relating to the detenu's detention order passed by the 2nd respondent dated 13.04.2017 in No.172/BCDFGISSSV/2017 and set aside the same and produce the detenu Ravikumar @ Ravi @ Parotta Ravi, male, aged about 30, S/o.Sampath, now detained in Central Prison-II, Puzhal, Chennai before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.Sundararajan for Mr.M.Idhaya Mary

For Respondents : Mr. V.M.R.Rajentran
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.]

The petitioner is the wife of the detenu, namely, Ravikumar @ Ravi @ Parotta Ravi, S/o.Sampath , Male, aged about 30 years. The detenu has been detained by the 2nd respondent by his order in No.172/BCDFGISSSV/2017, dated 13.04.2017, holding him to be a " Goonda", as contemplated under 2(f) of Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982. The said order is under challenge in this Habeas Corpus Petition.

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

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the detenu has not moved any bail application as on the date of passing of the detention order. He would also contend that the detaining authority has placed reliance on the statement of the sponsoring authority to the effect that the relatives of the detenu are taking steps to take him out on bail by filing bail application in the ground case. When no bail application is filed, there is no real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail. No cogent materials are available before the Detaining Authority to conclude / to apprehend that the detenu is likely to get bail in the ground case and

there is no imminent possibility of the detenu coming out on bail in the said case. Hence, it is stated that the Detaining Authority has passed the impugned order of detention in total non-application of mind and the subjective satisfaction arrived at by the Detaining Authority that there is real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail, is a mere ipse dixit without any cogent materials.

4. Per contra, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor while reiterating the averments in the counter affidavit would submit that the order of detention has been passed on cogent and sufficient materials and the same cannot be interfered with at the instance of the petitioner.

5. On a perusal of the impugned order of detention, we find that the Detaining Authority has stated that there was a real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail. Admittedly, at the time of passing the order of detention, no bail application was pending in the ground case. Though the detaining authority has made reliance on similar case in which accused was granted bail, the facts involved in that case are different, there is no material to substantiate that there is real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail and the said order was passed mechanically without application of mind. Therefore, on this ground, the detention order is liable to be set aside.

6. In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in No.172/BCDFGISSSV/2017, dated 13.04.2017, passed by the 2nd respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Ravikumar @ Ravi @ Parotta Ravi, S/o.Sampath , Male, aged about 30 years, is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case. Given the nature of the case, this order will be communicated to the concerned Jail Superintendent by the Registrar General of this Court via Fax.

[R.S.A.,J.]

[N.S.K.,J.]

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