

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 09.01.2017

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.JAICHANDREN
and
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE T.MATHIVANAN

H.C.P.No.1511 of 2016

S.Siluvaimuthu .. Petitioner/Father of the detenu

Vs

1.The State of Tamilnadu,
rep by its Secretary to the Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai-9.

2.The Commissioner of Police,
Greater Chennai,
Vepery, Chennai-07.

3.The Inspector of Police,
R-2 Kodambakkam Police Station,
Chennai-26.

.. 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, leading to passing of the order of detention, vide detention order BCDFGISSSV No.624/2016, dated 30.6.2016, on the file of the second respondent, against the petitioner's son, by name, Justin, son of Siluvaimuthu, aged about 32 years, and to quash the same and to consequently direct the respondents to produce the said detenu before this Court, from the Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai and to set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Ramesh Kumar

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

ORDER

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

This Habeas Corpus Petition has been filed, by the father of the detenu, namely, Justin, aged about 32 years, son of Siluvaimuthu, praying that this Court may be pleased to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus, to call for the records, in BCDFGISSSV No.624/2016, dated 30.6.2016, passed by the second respondent, detaining the detenu under Section 3(1) of the Tamil Nadu Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers, Cyber Law Offenders, Drug Offenders, Forest Offenders, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders, Sand Offenders, Slum Grabbers and Video Pirates Act, 1982 (Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982), branding him as a "Goonda", in the Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai and to quash the same and to direct the Respondents to produce the body of the detenu and to set him at liberty, forthwith.

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

3. Though, several grounds had been raised by the petitioner, while challenging the impugned order of detention, dated 30.6.2016, the learned counsel, appearing on behalf of the petitioner, had submitted that, in the booklet furnished to the detenu, page Nos.277, 279, 281, 307, 309 and 311, which are the statements of witnesses and also confessional statement relating to the similar case, are found illegible. Hence, the detenu had been prevented from making an effective representation against the impugned order of detention, dated 30.6.2016. Thus, the detention order is vitiated and the same is liable to be quashed.

4. The said submission made by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, had not been refuted by the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondents.

5. A perusal of the booklet supplied to the detenu, would show that page Nos.277, 279, 281, 307, 309 and 311, which are the copies of the statements of the witnesses and the confessional statement, relating to the similar case, are found illegible. As such, we find that the furnishing of the illegible copies of the statements of the witnesses, would prejudice the detenu, in making an effective representation against the impugned order of detention, dated 30.6.2016. Therefore, we are inclined to set aside the impugned detention order.

6. Accordingly, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the impugned detention order, dated 30.6.2016, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu is directed to be released forthwith, unless his presence is required in connection with any other case.

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Assistant Registrar(CCC)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1. The Secretary to Government,
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5. The Joint Secretary to Government,
Public(Law and Order)
Fort St. George, Chennai-9
6. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

+3cc to Mr.C.Ramesh Kumar, Advocate SR.No.1745

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