

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.02.2017

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

H.C.P.No.1684 of 2016

Gowri ... Petitioner / Mother of the
Detenue

Vs

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
represented by its
Secretary to Government,
Home Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.

2.The Superintendent of Police,
Central Prison,
Puzhal-1,
Chennai-600 066.

... Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS, directing the respondents to produce the detenue, Muthu @ Muthukumar, son of Sambandam, Life convict, now confined in the Central Prison-1, Puzhal, Chennai, before this court and to set him at liberty on premature release.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Sankarasubbu

For Respondents : Mr.V.M.R.Rajentran, APP

ORDER

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

This Habeas Corpus Petition has been filed by the petitioner, seeking a direction to the respondents to produce the petitioner's son, namely, Muthu @ Muthukumar, son of Sambandam, a life convict, now confined in the Central Prison-1, Puzhal, Chennai, before this court and to consider him, for premature release, and to

set him at liberty.

2 We have heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, as well as the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the State.

3 The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner had submitted that the petitioner's son is a life convict and he has been serving his sentence of life imprisonment, in the Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai. It has been further submitted that the petitioner's son had been in the Central Prison, for over 17 years and therefore, he is eligible to be considered for premature release, as per the relevant Government Orders, including G.O.Ms.No.1155, Home (Pri.IV) Department, dated 11.9.2008. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner had further submitted that the petitioner had sent a representation, dated 15.12.2015, to the Secretary, Home Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, to consider her son, for premature release. However, the said representation was not considered. Therefore, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has submitted that it would suffice, if the Secretary, Home Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George, Chennai, is directed to dispose of the representation, dated 15.12.2015, on merits and in accordance with law, within a specified period.

4 The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondents has submitted that the representation of the petitioner had been considered and a reply had been sent to the petitioner.

5 In view of the said submission made by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, as well as the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondents, this Court finds it appropriate to direct the respondents to furnish a copy of the reply to the petitioner. Accordingly, a direction is issued to the respondents to furnish a copy of the reply to the petitioner, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. On receipt of the copy of the reply, it may be open to the petitioner / convict concerned, to challenge the same, before the appropriate forum or the authority, in the manner known to law, if so advised. The Habeas Corpus Petition is closed, with the above directions.

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Assistant Registrar (CS VI)

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

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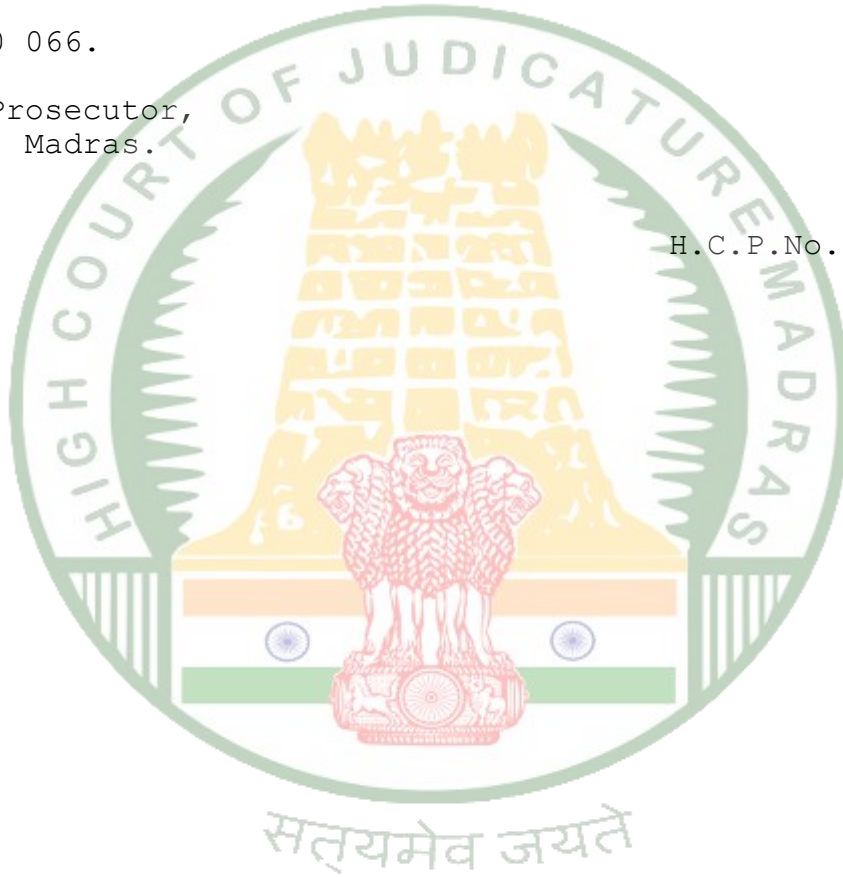
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3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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