

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.1781 of 2016

Geetha ... Petitioner / Wife of the
Detenue

Vs

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

2.The Superintendent of Central Prison,
Central Prison Vellore,
Vellore District. ... 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 detenu, (Lifer CT No.23734) K.Mohan, son of Kannan, aged 67 years, now confined in the Central Prison, Vellore, before this court and to set him at liberty.

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 husband of the petitioner, namely, K.Mohan, aged about 67 years, son of Kannan, a life convict, C.T.No.23734, now confined in the Central Prison, Vellore, before this court 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 husband is a life convict and he has been serving his sentence of life imprisonment, in the Central Prison, Vellore. It has been further submitted that the petitioner's husband had completed more than ten years of imprisonment in the prison and therefore, he is eligible to be considered for premature release. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner had further submitted that the petitioner's husband had sent a representation, dated 6.4.2015, to the Secretary, Home Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, to consider him, 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 6.4.2015, 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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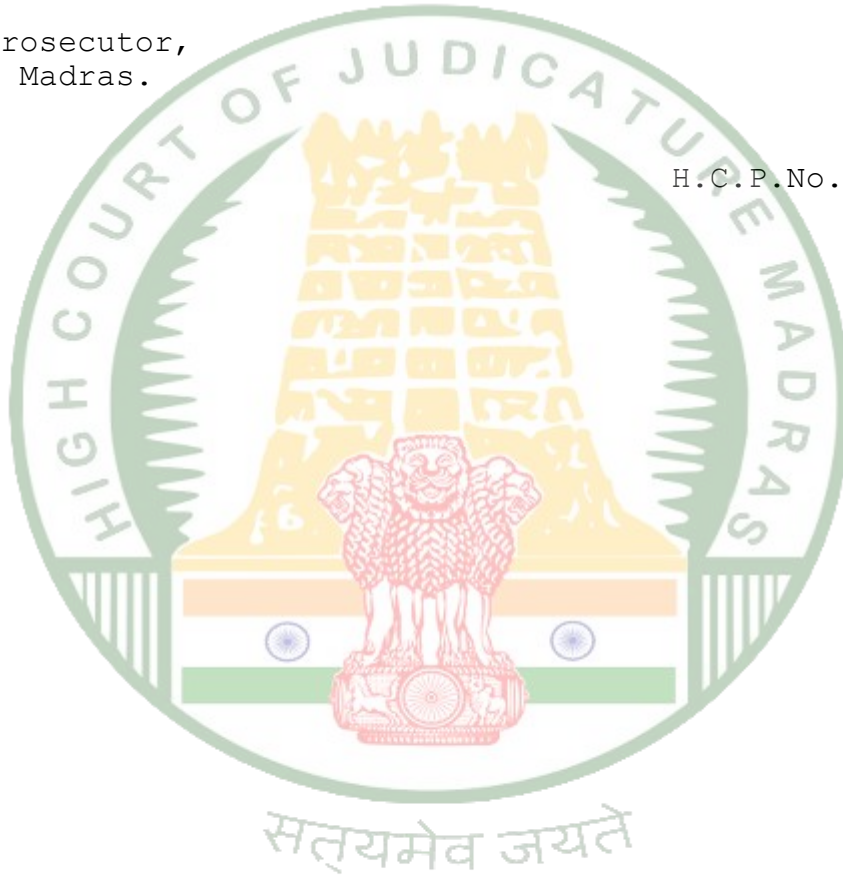
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3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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