

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED 22.03.2017

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.NAGAMUTHU
and
THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

H.C.P No.2144 of 2016

Revathi ...Petitioner/Mother of
detenue
Vs

1. State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by the Secretary to Government, Home,
Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009
2. The Commissioner of Police,
The Commissioner Office,
Vepery, Chennai - 600 007. ...Respondents

Habeas Corpus Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ, order or Direction in the nature of a Writ of Habeas Corpus to call for the records in Detention order No.645/BCDFGISSSV/2016 dated 05.07.2016 on the file of the second respondent and quash the detention as illegal and direct the respondents to produce the detenu Dinesh @ Maattu Dinesh, S/o. Pratap Chandran, aged 23 years now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai before this Hon'ble court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.S.Kaviarasu
For respondents: Mr.V.M.R. Rajentren
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S. NAGAMUTHU,J.,)

The petitioner, who is the mother of the detenu namely, Dinesh @ Maattu Dinesh, male, aged about 23 yearas S/o Pratap Chandran has come up with this habeas corpus petition, challenging the detention order passed against Dinesh @ Maattu Dinesh ,by the second respondent, vide proceedings No. 645/BCDFGISSSV/2016 dated 05.07.2016.

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 pending in Crime No.355 of 2016, the detaining authority has stated that the relatives of the detenu were taking steps to file bail application, 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 case in Crime No.355 of 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.355 of 2016, on the file of K-9, Thiru.Vi.Ka Nagar 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 05.07.2016, 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.

-s/d-
Assistant Registrar(CSVIII)

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

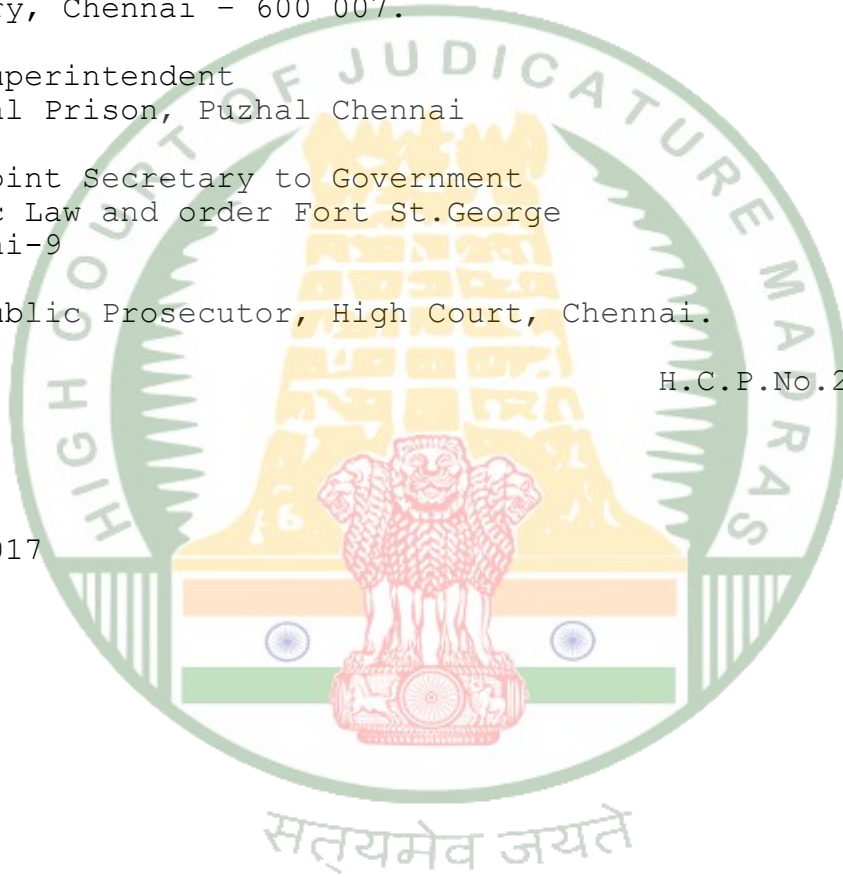
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To

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2. The Commissioner of Police,
The Commissioner Office,
Vepery, Chennai - 600 007.
3. The Superintendent
Central Prison, Puzhal Chennai
4. The Joint Secretary to Government
Public Law and order Fort St.George
Chennai-9
5. The Public Prosecutor, High Court, Chennai.

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