

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED 12.05.2017

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.V. MURALIDARAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. BASKARAN

H.C.P No.2687 of 2016

A. Selvaraj

...Petitioner

Vs

1. State of Tamil nadu rep by its
Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009

2. The Commissioner of Police,
Chennai Police, Vepery,
Chennai

...Respondents

Habeas Corpus Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus or any other appropriate Writ, Order or Direction more specifically in the nature of a Writ of Habeas Corpus directing the respondents to produce the petitioner's son by name Vivek @ Vivekraj, S/o A. Selvaraj, aged about 24 years before this Court, now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai, set him at liberty and to call for the records pertaining to the order of detention passed in No.1173/BCDFGISSSV/2016 dated 22.11.2016 passed by the 2nd respondent and set aside the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.K. Thenrajan

For respondents: Mr.V.M.R. Rajentren
Addl. Public Prosecutor

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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by M.V. MURALDARAN,J.,)

The petitioner, who is the father of the detenu Vivek @ Vivekraj, S/o A. Selvaraj, aged about 24 years, has come up with this habeas corpus petition, challenging the detention order passed against Vivek @ Vivekraj by the second respondent, vide proceedings No. 1173/BCDFGISSSV/2016 dated 22.11.2016.

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.2148/2016 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.2148/2016.

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.2148/2016 on the file of S-15, Selaiyur 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 22.11.2016, 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.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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1. The Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009
2. The Commissioner of Police,
Chennai Police, Vepery,
Chennai
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Puzhal, Chennai.
4. The Joint Secretary to Government,
Public Law & Order,
Fort St. George, Chennai-9.
5. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Chennai.

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