

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.09.2018

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.T.SELVAM

and

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

H.C.P.No.1017 of 2018

Sekar

S/o.Govindan

... Petitioner

-vs-

1.The Secretary to the Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600009.

2.The District Collector & District Magistrate,
Kancheepuram District,
Kancheepuram.

... Respondents

Writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India filed praying for issuance of a Writ of Habeas Corpus calling for the records in connection with the order of detention passed by the second respondent dated 03.05.2018 in BCDFGISSSV No.29/2018 against the son of the petitioner Madan, M/27 years, S/o.Sekar, who is confined at Central Prison, Vellore and set aside the same and consequently direct the respondents to produce the detenu before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Saranraj

For Respondents : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz

Additional Public Prosecutor

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(Order of the Court was made by C.T.SELVAM, J)

Petitioner is the father of the detenu Madhan S/o.Sekar, who has been branded as a 'Goonda' under the Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982 and detained under order of the second respondent passed in BCDFGISSSV No.29/2018 dated 03.05.2018.

2. The detenu came to adverse notice in the following cases:

Sl.No.	Police Station and Crime No.	Offences u/s.
1.	Baluchettychatram Police Station, No.349/2016	341, 364, 302, 201, 404, 109 and 34 IPC

Sl.No	Police Station and Crime No.	Offences u/s.
2.	Kanchi Taluk Police Station, Crime No.1206/2017	147, 148, 341, 294 (b), 307 and 120-B IPC
3.	Baluchettychatram Police Station, Crime No.46/2018	341, 294 (b), 392, 397 and 506(ii) IPC

The alleged ground case has been registered against the detenu in Crime No.189 of 2018 on the file of Baluchettychatram Police Station, for offences under Sections 341, 294(b), 392, 506(ii) IPC r/w 3(i) Tamil Nadu Property (Prevention of Damage & Loss) Act, 1992. Aggrieved by the order of detention, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. Heard learned counsel for petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondents. Perused the materials on record.

4. The detaining authority while noticing that the detenu was remanded in the ground case and lodged at Central Prison, Vellore and the bail application filed in the ground case is pending, he had informed that in a similar case bail has been granted and therefore, there was a real possibility of his coming out on bail and if he comes out on bail, he will indulge in further activities which will be prejudicial to the maintenance of public order. This Court, under orders in H.C.P.No.1520 of 2017 dated 04.12.2017, has held thus:

'5(ii). ... The Detaining Authority, according to us, had wrongly entertained an apprehension that the detenu would be released on bail, by adverting to the fact that in similar cases, bail was granted. According to us, this is not have been taken as the basis to come to such a conclusion. In granting bail the Court inter alia takes into account several aspects most of which are case specific. Those would include the gravity of the offence, the ability to suborn witnesses and the likelihood of the accused fleeing from justice. The "similarity case" yardstick applied by the Detaining Authority, based on the provisions of law under which an accused is booked, cannot be a satisfactory indicator for coming to the conclusion that the likelihood of the detenu being enlarged on bail was real and imminent.'

We are in agreement with the above finding. For the said reason, the order under challenge would have to fall.

The Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the impugned detention order passed by the second respondent, detaining the detenu Madhan S/o.Sekar in BCDFGISSSV No.29/2018 dated 03.05.2018 is quashed. The above named detenu is ordered to be set at liberty forthwith, unless his custody is required in connection with any other case.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS VI)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

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- 2.The District Collector & District Magistrate,
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Kancheepuram.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor
High Court, Chennai.
- 4.The Superintendent of Police,
Central Prison,
Vellore.
(In duplicate for communication to detenu)
- 5.The Joint Secretary to Government
Public (Law & Order), Fort St. George, Chennai-9.

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sm:12.10.2018

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