

THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 26.10.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.T.SELVAM

and

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

H.C.P.No.1266/2018

Lalitha

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.State of Tamil Nadu
rep.by its Secretary,
Prohibition & Excise Department
Fort St George, Chennai-600 009.
- 2.The District Collector & District Magistrate
Cuddalore, Cuddalore District.
- 3.The Inspector of Police
Mandharakuppam Police Station
Cuddalore District

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus, calling for the records of the detention dated 08.05.2018 in detention order Memo No.C3/D.O./19/2018 on the file of the 2nd respondent herein and quash the same and direct the respondents herein to produce the body of the detenu Appu @ Ajithkannan, son of Manikandan, aged about 23 years, who is now confined in Central Prison, Cuddalore before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner: Mr.R.Thamaraiselvan

For Respondents: Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz, APP

ORDER

[Order of the Court by C.T.SELVAM, J.]

Petitioner, mother of the detenu herein, challenges the impugned order of detention, dated 08.05.2018 in Memo No.C3/D.O./19/2018 detaining her son as a "Goonda", as contemplated under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Prevention of dangerous activities of Boot leggers, Drug Offenders, Forest Offenders, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders, Sand Offenders, Slum-grabbers and Video Pirates Act, 1982 (Tamil Nadu Act 14/1982).

2 As per the grounds of detention dated 08.05.2018 passed by the second respondent, the detenu came to adverse notice in the following cases:

i) Adverse case:

Sl No.	Name of the Police station and Crime No.	Section of law
1	Mandarakuppam PS Cr.No.61/2016	147, 148, 294[b], 323, 324, 307 IPC
2	Neyveli Thermal PS Cr.No.43/2018	147, 148, 302 IPC

(ii) Ground Case:

Sl No.	Name of the Police station and Crime No.	Section of law
1	Mandarakuppam PS Cr.No.86/2018	307 IPC

2 We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents. We have also perused the records produced by the Detaining Authority.

3 The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the Detaining Authority has not satisfied himself as to the real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail in the ground case as the detenu has never moved any bail application in the said case. Hence, on the above sole ground, the detention order is liable to be set aside.

4 Per contra, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that the order of detention has been passed on cogent and sufficient materials and the same cannot be interfered with, at the instance of the petitioner.

5 On a perusal of the impugned order of detention, in particular, the Grounds, we find that the Detaining Authority has stated that there was a real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail in the ground case. Admittedly, at the time of passing the Detention Order, no bail applications were filed in the ground case [Cr.No.86/2018]. Hence, there is no material to substantiate that there is real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail and the said order was passed without application of mind. When no bail application is filed, the logical conclusion would be that there is no likelihood of the detenu coming out on bail. Therefore, we are of the view that the finding of the Detaining Authority that there is likelihood of the detenu coming out on bail, is nothing but a clear non-application of mind and the Detaining Authority has not passed the order on merits ; but passed, based on mere ipsi dixit.

Therefore, on this sole ground alone, the detention order is liable to be set aside.

6 In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS V)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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- 5.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.
- 6.The Joint Secretary to Government,
Public(Law & Order)
Fort Saint George, Cheenai-9

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