

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 08.10.2018

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.T.SELVAM

and

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR

H.C.P.No.1573 of 2018

Gowsalya

W/o.Mani @ Manikandan

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1.The State represented by its
The Secretary to Government (Home)
Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009.

2.The Commissioner of Police,
Salem District, Salem.

.. Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus, calling for the records relating to the order of detention C.M.P.NO.20/GOONDA/SALEM CITY/2018 dated, 24.04.2018 passed by the 2nd respondent and to quash the same and also to direct the detenu Mani @ Manikandan, S/O.Nagarathinam, who is presently detained in the Central Prison, Salem to be produced before this Hon'ble court and set at liberty.

For Petitioner : Dr.S.Manoharan

For Respondents : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz
Additional Public Prosecutor.

O R D E R

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

Challenge is made to the order of detention passed by the second respondent vide Proceedings in C.M.P.No.20/Goonda/Salem City/2018 dated 24.04.2018, whereby the detenu, by name, Mani @ Manikandan, son of Nagarathinam, aged about 27 years, was ordered to be detained under the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers, Drug Offenders, Forest Offenders, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders, Sand Offenders, Slum-grabbers and Video Pirates Act, 1982 (Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982) branding him as a "GOONDA".

2. The detenu has come to adverse notice in the following cases:-

Sl.No.	Police Station & Cr.No.	Section of Law
1.	Shevapet Police Station Crime No.27/2018	394 IPC
2.	Kitchipalayam Police Station Crime No.195/2018	379 IPC
3.	Kitchipalayam Police Station Crime No.197/2018	379 IPC

The ground case has been registered against the detenu in Cr.No.201/2018 on the file of Inspector of Police, Kitchipalayam Police Station, for offences u/s 341, 392, 397 and 506(ii) IPC. The detention order has been passed by second respondent in C.M.P.No.20/Goonda/Salem City/2018.

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

4. Though many grounds have been raised in the petition, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, confines his argument only in respect of non-application of mind on the part of the detaining authority in passing the order of detention.

5. The Grounds of Detention would reveal that 3 adverse cases have been registered against the detenu and a ground case was registered against him in Cr.No.201/2018 for offences u/s 341, 392, 397 and 506(ii) IPC. Admittedly, the detenu has not moved any bail application in the ground case. Therefore, the probability of release of the petitioner imminently does not arise. Hence, we are inclined to set aside the detention order. Though the detaining authority has made reliance on similar case, in which an accused was granted bail, the facts involved in those cases are different. The principle of similarity cannot be applied mechanically. Normally, bails are granted based on the facts and circumstances of each case. Therefore, similar case plea, cannot be taken into consideration. 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.

6. In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in C.M.P.No.20/Goonda/Salem City/2018 dated 24.04.2018, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Mani @ Manikandan, son of Nagarathinam,

aged about 27 years, is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar (CS-IX)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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- 1.The Secretary to Government (Home)
Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009.
- 2.The Commissioner of Police,
Salem District, Salem.
- 3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Salem.
4. The Joint Secretary,
Public (Law and order) Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
- 5.The Public Prosecutor
High Court, Madras.

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