

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.11.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE C.T.SELVAM
and
THE HONOURABLE Mrs.JUSTICE S.RAMATHILAGAM

H.C.P. No.1701 of 2018

Geetha

... Petitioner

-Vs-

1.State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.

2. The Commission of Police,
Greater Chennai
Veperiy, Chennai - 600 007.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus, calling for the entire records relating to Petitioner's son detention under Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982 vide detention order, dated 07.07.2018 on the file of the second respondent herein made in proceedings No.494/BCDFGISSSV/2018 and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the respondents herein to produce the said Petitioner's son namely Logesh, son of Desingu, aged 23 years before this Hon'ble High Court and set the Petitioner's son at liberty from detention, now Petitioner's son detained at Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai - 600 066.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.C.Chellappan

For Respondents : Mr.R.Prathap Kumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

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

The petitioner who is the mother of detenu, namely, Logesh, Son of Pushparaj, age 23 years, challenges the impugned order of detention, dated 07.07.2018 in No.494/BCDFGISSSV/2018 detaining him as "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. The ground case has been registered against the detenu in Crime No.554/2018 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Law and Order, N-2 Kasimedu Police Station for offences u/s 147, 148, 302 r/w and 120 (B) IPC. The detention order has been passed by second respondent in No.494/BCDFGISSSV/2018 on 07.07.2018.

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

4. Though several grounds have been raised in the Habeas Corpus 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 a ground case was registered against him in Cr.No.554/2018 for the offences u/s.147, 148, 342 r/w and 120 (B) IPC. Admittedly, the detenu has moved bail application in the ground case and the same is pending before the Principal Sessions Court, Chennai in CrI.M.P.No.10621/2018 and the same is pending. Therefore, the probability of release of the detenu 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.

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6. In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in No.494/BCDFGISSSV/2018 dated 07.07.2018, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Logesh, Son of Desingu, aged about 23 years, is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case.

Sd/-
Deputy Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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1. The Secretary to the Government,
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2. The Commission of Police,
Greater Chennai
Vepery, Chennai - 600 007.
3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal,
Chennai.
4. The Joint Secretary
Public (Law and order) Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
5. The Public Prosecutor
High Court, Madras.

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