IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 12.12.2018

CORAM:

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

H.C.P. No.1847 of 2018

Vennila
W/o.Vellai @ Vellaidurai

... Petitioner

-Vs-

1.State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by The Secretary,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Fort St George,
Chennai 600 009.

2.The Commissioner of Police,
The Greater Chennai City,
Vepery, 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 records relating to the order of detention NO. 701/BCDFGISSSV/2018 dated, 13.08.2018 passed by the 2nd respondent and to quash the same and also to direct the detenu Vellai @ Vellaidurai, S/O. Subramani, who is presently detained in the Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai to be produced before this Hon`ble court and set at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Gopi Krishnan

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 wife of the detenu, namely, Vellai @ Vellaidurai, Son of Subramani, age 28 years, challenges the impugned order of detention, dated 13.08.2018 in No.701/BCDFGISSSV/2018 detaining her husband as "GOONDA", as contemplated under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Prevention of dangerous activities of Boot leggers, Drug Offenders, Forest

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Offenders, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders, Sand Offenders, Slum-grabbers and Video Pirates Act, 1982 (Tamil Nadu Act 14/1982).

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

S.No.	Police Station & Crime No.	Section of Law
1.	P-6 Kodungaiyur Police station Crime No.1365/2018	Section 3 of TNPPDL Act, 1992 @ 147, 148, 294(b) IPC Sec.3 of TNPPDL Act 1992
2.	P-6 Kodungaiyur Police Station Crime No.118/2018	341, 294(b), 336, 397, 506(ii) IPC
3.	P-6 Kodungaiyur Police Station Crime No.800/2018	174 Cr.P.C @ 302 IPC

The ground case has been registered against the detenu in Crime No.848/2018 on the file of the Inspector of Police, J-6 Thiruvanmiyur Police Station for offences u/s 341, 294(b), 336, 397 and 506(ii) IPC. The detention order has been passed by second respondent in No.701/BCDFGISSSV/2018 on 13.08.2018.

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 3 adverse cases have been registered against the detenu and a ground case was registered against him in Cr.No.848/2018 for the offences u/s.341, 294(b), 336, 397 and 506(ii) IPC. Admittedly, the detenu has not moved any bail application in the ground case as also in the 3rd adverse case in Crime No.800/2018 on the file of P-6 Kodungaiyur Police Station. 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

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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 detenue 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 No.701/BCDFGISSSV/2018 dated 13.08.2018, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Vellai @ Vellaidurai, Son of Subramani, aged about 28 years, is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case.

-s/d-
Deputy Registrar

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

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Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
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Chennai 600 009.

2.The Commissioner of Police,
The Greater Chennai City,
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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