

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.11.2018

CORAM:

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

H.C.P. No.1895 of 2018

Gajalakshmi

... 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 BCDFGISSSV.NO.678/2018 dated, 07/08/2018 passed by the 2nd respondent and to quash the same and also to direct the detenu Senthil Kumar, M/A 48 years, S/O.Devaraj, 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.K.Bommuraj

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, Senthil Kumar, Son of Devaraj, age 48 years, challenges the impugned order of detention, dated 07.08.2018 in BCDFGISSSV No.678/2018 detaining her husband as "GOONDA", as contemplated under Section 2(f) 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 14/1982).

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

S.No.	Police Station & Crime No.	Section of Law
1.	S-7 Madipakkam Police station Crime No.99/2018	417, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 & 506(i) IPC @ 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 & 506(i) IPC & 120(B) IPC
2.	R-1 Mambalam Police station Crime No.203/2018	420, 465, 468, 471 IPC
3.	R-1 Mambalam Police Station Crime No.397/2018	420, 465, 468, 471 r/w 120(B) and 506(i) IPC

The ground case has been registered against the detenu in Crime No.514/2018 on the file of the Inspector of Police, R-1 Mambalam Police Station for offences u/s 294(b), 341, 323, 379, 427, 397 & 506(ii) IPC. The detention order has been passed by second respondent in BCDFGISSSV No.678/2018 on 07.08.2018.

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.514/2018 for the offences u/s.294(b), 341, 323, 379, 427, 397 & 506(ii) 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.12442/2018. 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 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 BCDFGISSSV No.678/2018 dated 07.08.2018, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Senthil Kumar, Son of Devaraj, aged about 48 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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3. The Superintendent,
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Chennai.
4. The Joint Secretary
Public (Law and order) Department,
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5. The Public Prosecutor
High Court, Madras.

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