

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 17.12.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE C.T.SELVAM

and

THE HONOURABLE Mrs.JUSTICE S.RAMATHILAGAM

H.C.P. No.1914 of 2018

Kanchana
W/o.Shankar

... Petitioner

-Vs-

1. State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by The Secretary,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
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.496/BCDFGISSSV/2018 dated, 09/07/2018 passed by the 2nd respondent and to quash the same and also to direct the detenu Deva @ Devakumar, S/O.Shankar, 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 mother of the detenu, namely, Deva @ Devakumar, Son of Shankar, age 22 years, challenges the impugned order of detention, dated 09.07.2018 in No.496/BCDFGISSSV/2018 detaining her son 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.	R5 Virugambakkam Police station, Crime No.262/2016	341, 324, 506(ii) IPC @ 341, 326, 506(ii) IPC
2.	R-5 Virugambakkam Police station, Crime No.571/2016	294(b), 324, 506(ii) IPC
3.	K-10 Koyambedu Police Station Crime No.1073/2016	147, 148, 341, 324, 307, 506(ii) IPC @ 147, 148, 341, 307, 506(ii) IPC r/w 149 IPC
4.	R-9 Valasaravakkam Police Station Crime No.611/2017	379 IPC
5.	R-5 Virugambakkam Police Station Crime No.1801/2017	341, 384, 506(ii) IPC
6.	R-9 Valasaravakkam Police Station Crime No.1303/2017	379 IPC
7.	R-9 Valasaravakkam Police Station Crime No.1376/2017	379 IPC

The ground case has been registered against the detenu in Crime No.690/2018 on the file of the Inspector of Police, K-10 Koyambedu 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.496/BCDFGISSSV/2018 on 09.07.2018.

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 7 adverse cases have been registered against the detenu and a ground case was registered against him in Cr.No.690/2018 for the offences u/s.341, 294(b), 336, 397 and 506(ii) IPC. Admittedly, the detenu has moved bail application in the ground case and the same was dismissed on 29.06.2018 by the Principal Sessions

Court, Chennai in CrI.M.P.No.9225/2018. 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 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 No.496/BCDFGISSSV/2018 dated 09.07.2018, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Deva @ Devakumar, Son of Shankar, aged about 22 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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To:

- 1.The Secretary,
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- 2.The Commissioner of Police,
The Greater Chennai City,
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- 3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal, 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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