

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 06.12.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.T.SELVAM
and
THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

H.C.P. No.2404 of 2018

T.Latha

... Petitioner

-Vs-

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Secretary to Government, Home,
Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai -9.

2.The Commissioner of Police,
Greater Chennai,
The Commissioner Office,
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 detention order in Memo No.904/BCDFGISSSV/2018, dated 03.10.2018 passed by the 2nd respondent under the Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982 and set aside the same and direct the respondents to produce my husband Thiagarajan, the detenu, now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai before the Hon'ble Court and set my husband Thiagarajan, Son of Selvaraj, aged about 50 years the detenu herein set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Baskar

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

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ORDER

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

Petitioner, who is the wife of the detenu, viz., Thiagarajan, Son of Selvaraj, aged 50 years, challenges the impugned order of detention, dated 03.10.2018 in No.904/BCDFGISSSV/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 cases:-

S.No.	Police Station & Crime No.	Section of Law
1.	Central Crime Branch Crime No.512/2009	406, 420 r/w 120(b) IPC
2.	Central Crime Branch Crime No.152/2017	420 r/w 34 IPC
3.	Central Crime Branch Crime No.123/2018	420 r/w 120(B) IPC

The ground case has been registered against the detenu in Cr.No.187/2018 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Team IX-A, EDF-II, Central Crime Branch, Greater Chennai, for offences u/s 420 r/w 120(B) IPC. The detention order has been passed by second respondent in No.904/BCDFGISSSV/2018 on 03.10.2018.

3. We have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents. We have perused the counter affidavit as also 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. A perusal of the Grounds of Detention would reveal that 3 adverse cases have been registered against the detenu and a ground case came to be registered against him in Cr.No.187/2018 for the offences u/s. 420 r/w 120(B) @ 120(B) @ 506(i) IPC. Admittedly, the bail application filed by the detenu in the ground case and the 3rd adverse case before the Metropolitan Magistrate for exclusive trial of CCB cases (Relating to Cheating cases in Chennai) and CBCID Metro cases, Allikulam, in CrI.M.P.Nos.4872/2018 & 4759/2018 and the both were dismissed. 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.904/BCDFGISSSV/2018, dated 03.10.2018, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Thiyagarajan, Son of Selvaraj, aged 50 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:

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- 2.The Commissioner of Police,
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The Commissioner Office,
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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