

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
DATED : 20.12.2018

CORAM:

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

H.C.P. No.2436 of 2018

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... Petitioner

-Vs-

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St George, Chennai 600 009.

2.The Commissioner of Police,
Greater Chennai,
Vepery, Chennai - 600 007.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus, directing to produce the body of the detenu by name Lakshmankumar @ Lakshman, S/o. Keevaram, aged 38 years, presently confined at Central Prison, Puzhal, before this Hon'ble Court and set him at liberty forthwith, after calling for the records pertaining to the detention order dated 28.09.2018 in No.896/BCDFGISSSV/2018 passed by the 2nd respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Manokaran

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

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ORDER

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

The petitioner, who is the wife of the detenu, namely, Lakshman Kumar @ Lakshman, Son of Keevaram, aged 38 years, challenges the impugned order of detention, dated 28.09.2018 in No.896/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 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.	E-4 Abiramapuram Police Station Crime No.352/2018	380 IPC
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3.	E-4 Abiramapuram Police Station Crime No.395/2018	457 & 380 IPC
4.	E-4 Abiramapuram Police Station Crime No.493/2018	380 IPC

The ground case has been registered against the detenu in Crime No.534/2018 on the file of the E-4 Abiramapuram Police Station for offences u/s. 341, 294(b), 392 r/w 397, 307 & 506(ii) IPC. The detention order has been passed by second respondent in No.896/BCDFGISSSV/2018 on 28.09.2018.

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 4 adverse cases have been registered against the detenu and a ground case was registered against him in Cr.No.534/2018 for the offences u/s.341, 294(b), 392 r/w 397, 307 & 506(ii) IPC. Admittedly, the detenu has moved bail application in the ground case and the same is pending before the Court of Principal Sessions, Chennai in CrI.M.P.Nos.15613/2018 and 16005/2018 respectively. 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.896/BCDFGISSSV/2018 dated 28.09.2018, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Lakshman Kumar @ Lakshman, Son of Keevaram, aged about 38 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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- 2.The Commissioner of Police,
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- 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.

+1cc to Mr.N.Manokaran, Advocate, S.R.No.89130

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