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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED: 19.07.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.T.SELVAM

AND

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE R.THARANI

H.C.P (MD) No.1012 of 2018

Dharma @ Dharmaraj

: Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
State of Tamil Nadu,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.
2. The District Collector and District Magistrate,
Office of the District Collector and District Magistrate,
Ramanathapuram District.
3. The Superintendent of Prison,
Madurai Central Prison,
Madurai District.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus, to call for the entire records, connected with the detention order of the Respondent No.2 in Cr.M.P.No.28/Goonda/2018, dated 06.07.2018 and quash the same and direct the respondents to produce the body or person of the detenu, by name Dharma @ Dharmaraj, S/o.Soorapuli @ Subramanian, aged about 38 years, detained in Madurai Central Prison before this Court and set him at liberty forthwith.

For Petitioner

: Mr.R.Alagumani

For Respondents

: Mr.V.Neelakandan

Additional Public Prosecutor.

ORDER

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

The petitioner is the detenu - Dharma @ Dharmaraj, S/o.Soorapuli @ Subramanian, aged about 38 years. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his Detention Order in Cr.M.P.No.28/Goonda/2018, dated 06.07.2018, holding him to be a "Goonda", as contemplated under Section of 2(f) Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982. The said order is under challenge in this Habeas Corpus Petition.

2. Though the detention order is sought to be assailed on several grounds, the learned counsel for the petitioner mainly relies on the contention that in the ground case, no bail



application was filed, but, still the detaining authority expressed subjective satisfaction that there was a real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail in the ground case and the said subjective satisfaction is nothing but ipse dixit not supported by cogent materials.

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3. In elaboration of the said contention, the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the subjective satisfaction regarding the real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail in a case, wherein no bail application is pending, cannot be based on any other case in respect of other persons and that the very fact that no bail application is pending will negate the imminent possibility of the detenu coming out on bail, subject to an exception that a co-accused in the very same case placed under similar circumstances has been released on bail.

4. The submissions made by the learned Additional Public Prosecutor in reply to the above said contentions raised by the learned counsel for the petitioner are also heard.

5. As rightly contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the Detaining Authority referred to the fact that no bail application was filed or pending in the ground case, namely, Crime No.119 of 2018, registered on the file of Kenikarai Police Station. However, the Detaining Authority proceeded further to express a subjective satisfaction that there was real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail by filing a bail application. Such subjective satisfaction arrived at by the Detaining Authority shows total non-application of mind. Thus, on this sole ground alone, the impugned detention order is liable to be set aside.

6. In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition shall stand allowed and the Detention Order, passed by the second respondent, in his proceedings in Detention Order in Cr.M.P.No.28/Goonda/2018, dated 06.07.2018, is quashed. The detenu, namely, Dharma @ Dharmaraj, S/o.Soorapuli @ Subramanian, aged about 38 years, is ordered to be set at liberty forthwith, if his detention is not required in connection with any other case.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(Crl.Side)

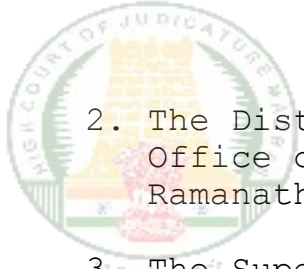
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To

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,

<https://hcservices.ecourts.gov.in/hcservices/>
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.



2. The District Collector and District Magistrate,
Office of the District Collector and District Magistrate,
Ramanathapuram District.

3. The Superintendent of Prison,
Madurai Central Prison,
Madurai District.

4. The Joint Secretary to Government,
Public (Law & Order) Department,
Fort.St.George, Chennai -9.

5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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