

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01.08.2019

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The Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M.SUNDRESH
and
The Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. NIRMAL KUMAR

H.C.P. No.1144 of 2019

Jasmine Petitioner/Wife of the Detenue

-vs-.

1. Government of Tamil Nadu, Rep by its
Secretary, Home, Prohibition
and Excise (XVI) Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

2. The Commissioner of Police
/Detaining Authority,
Coimbatore City

.... Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus to call for the records in C.No.41/G/IS/2019 dated 31.05.2019 on the file of the second respondent herein and set aside the same and direct the respondents herein to produce the body of the petitioner's husband R.Bava, Son of Rashid Khan, aged 25 years, now confined in Central Prison, Coimbatore and set him at liberty

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Subhadra Devi

For Respondents : Mr.C.Iyyappa Raj
Addl.Public Prosecutor

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by M.M.SUNDRESH, J.]

The petitioner is the wife of the detenu R.Bava, Son of Rashid Khan, aged 25 years. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in C.No.41/G/IS/2019 dated 31.05.2019, holding to be a "Goonda", as contemplated under Section 2(f) of Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982. The said order is under challenge in this Habeas Corpus Petition.

2.We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents. We have perused the materials available on record.

3.The main argument of the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner is that the case relied on by the detaining authority is not similar as in the said case, the offence involved are under Sections 302, 201, 147, 148, 364 IPC and bail was granted by Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Coimbatore whereas in the ground case, the offences involved are under Sections 147, 364 and 302 IPC and it can be tried only by the Sessions Court. Therefore, there is non-application of mind on the part of the detaining authority and the subjective satisfaction arrived by the detaining authority is not proper.

4.A perusal of the grounds of detention would show that the detaining authority has relied on the similar case in D1 Ramanathapuram Police Station Crime No.875 of 2017 for the offence punishable under Sections 302, 201, 147, 148 and 364 IPC, in which, bail was granted by the Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Coimbatore. The ground case has been registered for the offence under Sections 147, 364 and 302 IPC. In paragraph 8 of the grounds of detention, the detaining authority, relying on the above similar case, stated that there is real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail by filing bail application in the ground case, without taking into consideration that the Sessions Court can only try the offence punishable under Section 302 IPC and bail can be granted by the Sessions Court. Hence there is non-application of mind on the part of the detaining authority in arriving at subjective satisfaction and the impugned order of detention is liable to be set aside on this ground.

5. In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in C.No.41/G/IS/2019 dated 31.05.2019, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, R.Bava, Son of Rashid Khan, aged 25 years, is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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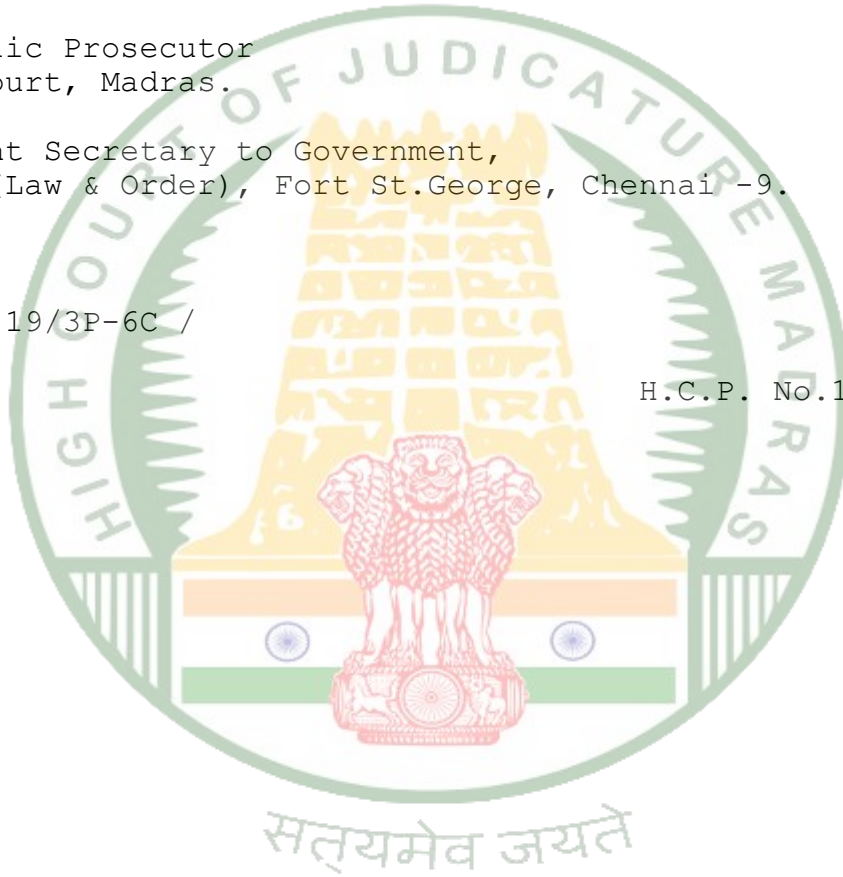
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To

- 1.The Secretary,
Home, Prohibition and Excise (XVI) Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.
- 2.The Commissioner of Police /Detaining Authority,
Coimbatore City
- 3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison,Coimbatore.
- 4.The Public Prosecutor
High Court, Madras.
- 5.The Joint Secretary to Government,
Public (Law & Order), Fort St.George, Chennai-9.

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