

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28.11.2019

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The Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M.SUNDRESH
and
The Hon'ble Mr. Justice RMT. TEEKAA RAMAN

H.C.P. No. 1995 of 2019

Vijaya

... Petitioner

-vs-

1.The Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600 009.

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

... Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus to call for the records pertaining to the order of detention passed by the second respondent in his proceedings in No.524/BCDFGISSSV/2019, dated 22.08.2019 and quash the same as illegal and produce the detenu, namely, Honestraj, S/o. Munivel, aged about 27 years, now he is confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Naveenkumar

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

ORDER

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

The petitioner is the wife of the detenu, Honestraj, S/o. Munivel, aged about 27 years. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in No.524/BCDFGISSSV/2019, dated 22.08.2019, 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 Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents. We have also perused the records produced by the Detaining Authority.

3. Though the learned counsel for the petitioner has raised several other grounds to assail the order of detention, he has mainly focused his argument on the ground that the remand order has not been properly translated in vernacular language. This deprived the detenu from making effective representation. Therefore, on this sole ground, the detention order is liable to be quashed.

4. On consideration of the submissions made on either side and upon perusal of the documents available on record, it is clear that the remand order has not been properly translated in vernacular language. Thus the impugned detention order 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 No.524/BCDEFGISSSV/2019, dated 22.08.2019 passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Honestraj, S/o. Munivel, aged about 27 years, is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (JJ Act)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

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Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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