

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 30.01.2019

CORAM:

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

H.C.P. No.2873 of 2018

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... Petitioner

-Vs-

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

2.Commissioner of Police,
Greater Chennai.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus, call for the records in connection with the order of detention passed by the second respondent dated 14.11.2018 in Memo No.1038/BCDFGISSSV/2018 against the petitioner's son Sethu @ Sethupathy, male aged 24 years, S/o.Chellam, who is confined at Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai and set aside the same and direct the respondents to produce the detenu before the Hon'ble Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.Saravanan

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

ORDER

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

Petitioner, who is the mother of the detenu, viz., Sethu @ Sethupathy, Son of Chellam, aged 24 years, challenges the impugned order of detention, dated 14.11.2018 in No.1038/BCDFGISSSV/2018 detaining her son 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.	Thiruvallur District, E-4 Kattur Police Station Crime No.58/2018	341, 294(b), 324, 394, 307 IPC @ 341, 294(b), 324, 394, 307, 302, 397 & 398 IPC
2.	Thiruvallur District, E-4 Kattur Police Station Crime No.60/2018	392 IPC
3.	M-4 Red Hills Police Station Crime No.590/2018	341, 384 & 506(i) IPC

The ground case has been registered against the detenu in Cr.No.591/2018 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Law and Order, M-4 Red Hills Police Station for offences u/s. 341, 294 (b), 323, 336, 427, 397 & 506(ii) IPC. The detention order has been passed by second respondent in No.1038/BCDEGISSSV/2018 on 14.11.2018.

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.591/2018 for the offences u/s. 341, 294(b), 323, 336, 427, 397 & 506(ii) IPC. Admittedly, the bail application filed by the detenu in the ground case before the learned Principal District and Sessions Court, Thiruvallur, in CrI.M.P.No.5712/2018 and the same was 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 detainee 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.1038/BCDFGISSSV/2018, dated 14.11.2018, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Sethu @ Sethupathy, Son of Chellam, aged 24 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.Commissioner of Police,
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3. The Superintendent,
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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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