

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.02.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SUBBIAH
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.PONGIAPPAN

H.C.P.No.2449 of 2019

Praveen

... Petitioner

Vs

1.State of Tamil Nadu
represented by its Secretary,
Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.

2.The Commissioner of Police,
Greater Chennai.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Shastri Nagar Police Station,
Chennai.

... Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus calling for the records of the detention order BCDFGISSSV No.594 of 2019 dated 14.09.2019 on the file of the second respondent herein and quash the same and direct the respondents herein to produce the body of the detenu Praveen, S/o.Kuzhanthaivel, Hindu, aged about 35 years, who is now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Thamarai Selvan

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

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[Order of this Court was made by R.SUBBIAH, J]

Petitioner is the detenu viz. Praveen, S/o.Kuzhanthaivel, aged 35 years, who has been branded as a 'Goonda' under the Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982 and detained under order of second respondent passed in Memo No.594/BCDFGISSSV/2019 dated 14.09.2019.

2. The alleged ground case has been registered against the detenu in Crime No.287 of 2019 on the file of J-5 Shastri Nagar Police Station for offences u/s. 302 IPC. Aggrieved by the order of detention, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. Heard learned counsel for petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for respondents. Perused the materials on record.

4. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that in the case cited as similar, the offence alleged was under Sections 302 IPC @ 302, 457, 380 IPC., whereas the ground case has been registered against the detenu under Section 302 IPC. The non-consideration of such aspect reflects non-application of mind.

5. We have heard learned Additional Public Prosecutor on the above submissions.

6. As rightly submitted by learned counsel for petitioner, the similar case referred to and relied upon by the Detaining Authority to infer that the detenu would be granted bail in the ground case, is not a similar case. Hence, we find that the order of detention suffers from non-application of mind.

Accordingly, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the detention order passed by the second respondent against the detenu viz., Praveen, S/o. Kuzhanthaivel in Memo No.594/BCDFGISSSV/2019 dated 14.09.2019, is set aside. The above named detenu is ordered to be set at liberty forthwith, unless his custody is required in connection with any other cases.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-III)

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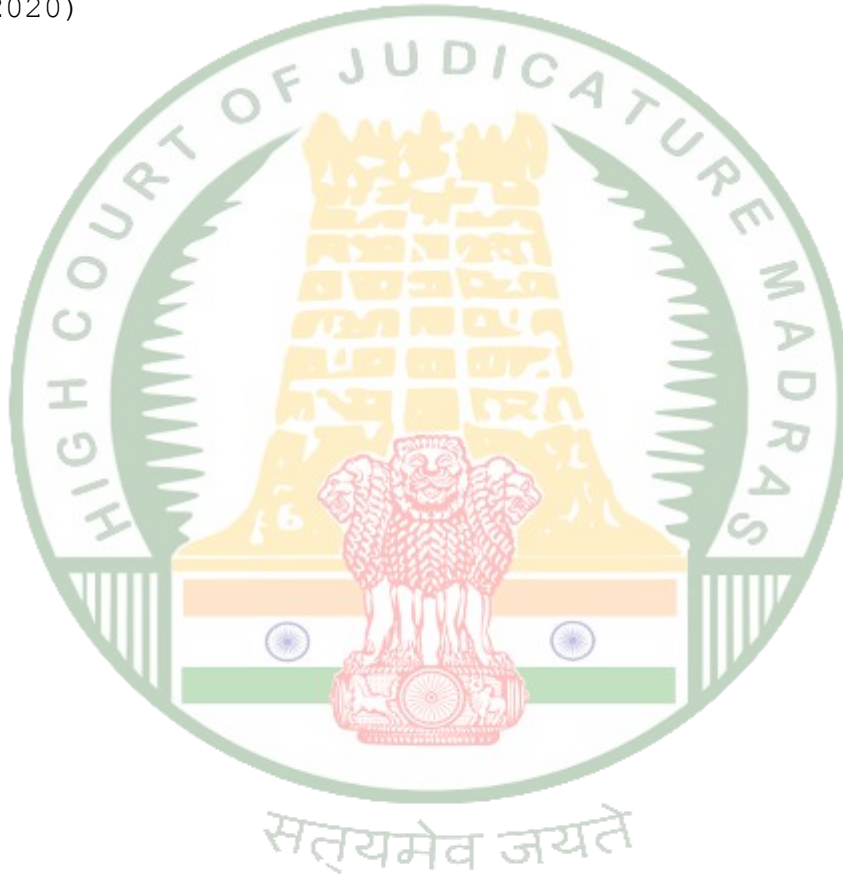
4.The Superintendent,
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5.The Joint Secretary to Govt L & O
Secretariat Chennai-600 009.

6.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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