

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25.06.2020

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The Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M.SUNDRESH
and
The Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.KRISHNAKUMAR

H.C.P. No. 2725 of 2019

Banumathi

... Petitioner

-vs-

1.The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary,
Department of Home, Prohibition and Excise
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 9.

2.The District Magistrate and District Collector,
Thiruvallur District,
Thiruvallur.

... Respondents

Prayer: Habeas Corpus Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of habeas corpus to call for the records in No.43/BCDFGISSSV/2019 dated 07.11.2019 on the file of the second respondent and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the respondent to produce petitioner Pasupathi, S/o. Paulsuyambu, aged about 22 years before this Court, who now detained in Central Prison, Vellore and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner Mr.A.Elumalai

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

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ORDER

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

The petitioner is the mother of the detenu, Pasupathi, S/o. Paulsuyambu, male, aged 22 years. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in BCDFGISSSV No.43/2019

dated 07.11.2019, holding him 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. Among other grounds, the detention order is mainly attacked on the ground that there is a delay in passing the order of detention. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner strongly contended that though the detenu was arrested on 09.09.2019, the detention order was passed only on 07.11.2019 i.e., after a considerable delay of more than two months. Therefore, the detention order has to be set aside.

4. As seen from the grounds of detention, it is clear that though the detenu was arrested on 09.09.2019, the order of detention came to be passed only on 07.11.2019 and hence, there is an abnormal delay in passing the order of Detention, which caused prejudice to the interest of the detenu.

5. We have gone through the entire materials placed on record. There is no satisfactory explanation offered by the Detaining Authority for the delay in passing the order of detention. Hence the impugned order of detention is liable to be set aside.

6. In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in BCDFGISSSV No.43/2019 dated 07.11.2019, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Pasupathi, son of Paulsuyambu, male, aged 22 years is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case.

Sd/-

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Assistant Registrar

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To

1. The Secretary,
Home, Prohibition and Excise (XVI) Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 9.

2.The District Magistrate and District Collector,
Thiruvallur District,
Thiruvallur.

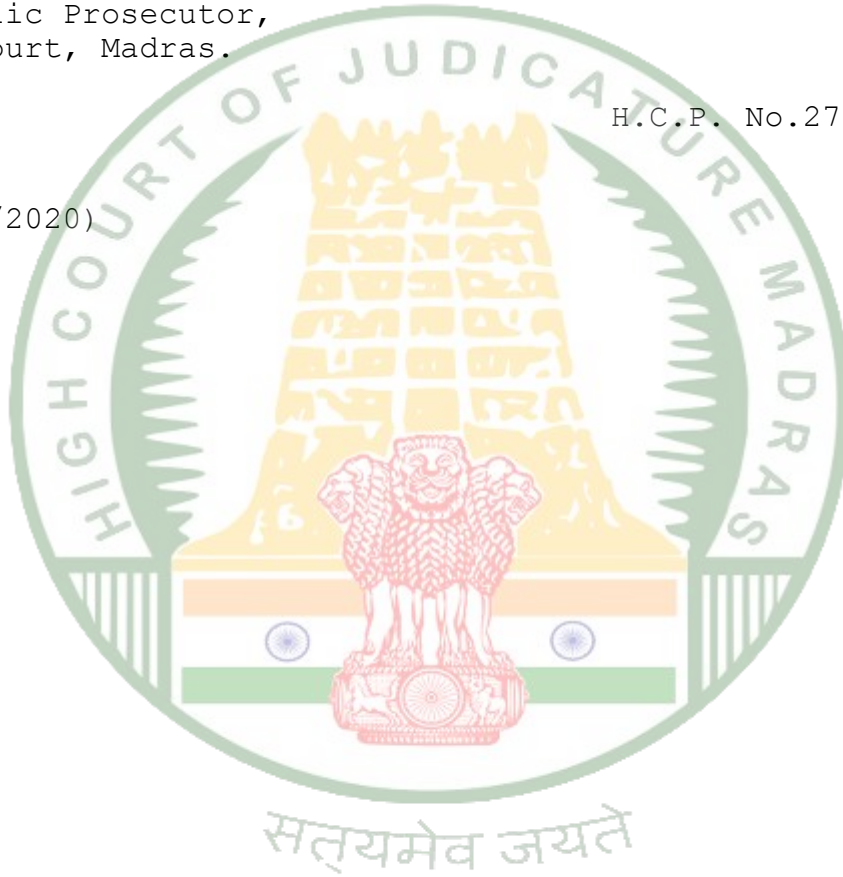
3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Vellore.

4.The Joint Secretary to Govt
Public (law & order),
Fort St.George, Chennai-9

5.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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