

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. 2722 of 2019

Chitra

... Petitioner

-vs-

1.The State of Tamil Nadu
Government of Tamil Nadu
rep. by its Secretary,
Home, Prohibition and Excise (XVI)
Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 9.

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

.... Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of habeas corpus to call for the records made in BCDFGISSSV No.41/2019 dated 02.11.2019 passed by the District Magistrate and District Collector, Thiruvallur District, the second respondent herein and quash the same as illegal and direct the respondents to produce the detenu Ajithkumar, Son of Balaji, aged 25 years, now confined at Central Prison II, Puzhal, Chennai - 66 before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.E.Parthiban

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 mother of the detenu, Ajithkumar, S/o.Balaji, male, aged 25 years. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in BCDFGISSSV No.41/2019 dated 02.11.2019, 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 30.08.2019, the detention order was passed only on 02.11.2019 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 30.08.2019, the order of detention came to be passed only on 02.11.2019 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.41/2019 dated 02.11.2019, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Ajithkumar, son of Balaji, male, aged 25 years is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CCC)

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Sub 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.

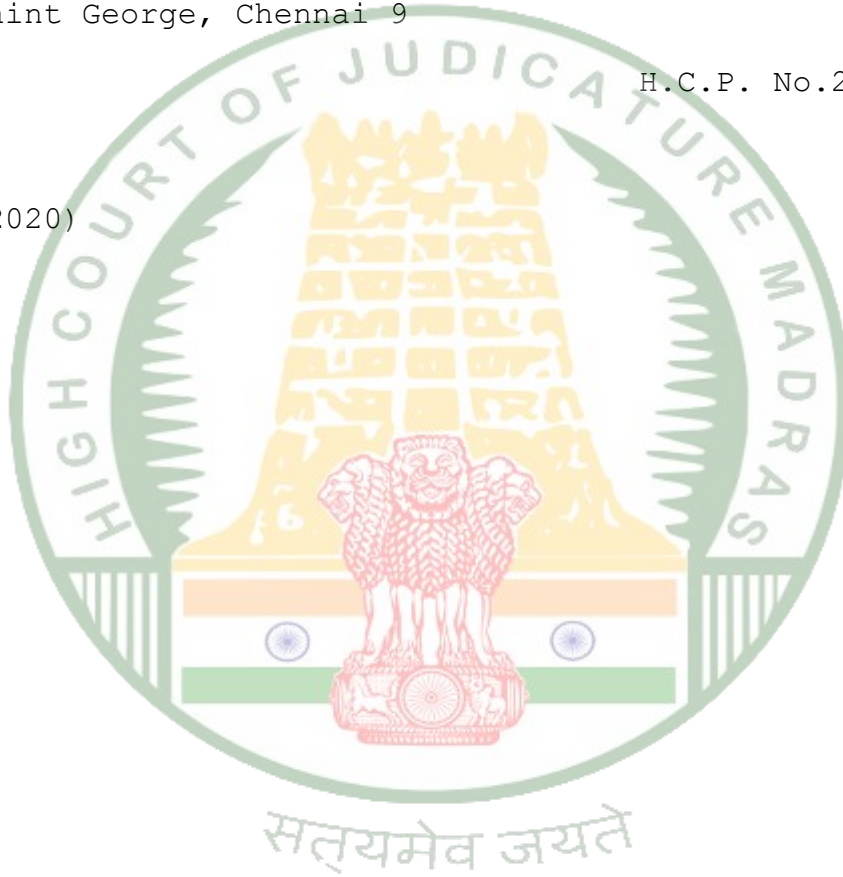
3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison II, Puzhal, Chennai - 66.

4.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

5. The Joint Secretary to Government,
Public (law & Order),
Fort Saint George, Chennai 9

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