

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28.05.2020

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The Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M.SUNDRESH
and
The Hon'ble Ms. Justice P.T.ASHA

H.C.P.No.2866 of 2019

S.Shanthi

... Petitioner

-vs-

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

2.The Commissioner of Police,
Salem City.

... Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus to call for the records in connection with the order of detention passed by the second respondent dated 10.12.2019 in C.M.P.No.57/Goonda/Salem City/2019 against the petitioner's son Praveen, Male, aged 21 years, S/o.Sakthivel, who is confined at Central Prison, Salem and set aside the same and direct the respondents to produce the detenu before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner .. Mr.D.Balaji
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, Praveen, S/o. Sakthivel, male, aged 21 years. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in C.M.P.No.57/Goonda/Salem City/2019 dated 10.12.2019 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 Government Pleader appearing for the respondents. We have perused the materials available on record.

3.The main argument of the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner is that the case relied on by the detaining authority is not similar in nature and the offences in the ground case are totally different. Therefore, the likelihood of the detenu coming out on bail is not there and the subjective satisfaction arrived by the detaining authority is not proper.

4.For appreciating the contentions raised by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the relevant averments in para 6 of the grounds of detention are extracted below:

"6.I am aware that Thiru. Praveen is in remand in the cases of Karuppur PS Cr.No.128/2019 u/s 392 IPC, Sooramangalam PS Cr.No.409/2019 u/s 392 IPC and Karuppur PS Cr.No.349/2019 u/s 341, 392 r/w 397 and 506(ii) IPC and the bail petitions filed in the cases of Karuppur PS Cr.No.128/2019 and Sooramangalam PS Cr.No.490/2019, on behalf of him are pending for hearing before the Judicial Magistrate No.2, Salem in CMP Nos. 5902/2019, 5901/2019 and the bail petition filed in the case of Karuppur PS Cr.No.349/2019 was dismissed by the Principal Sessions Judge, Salem in C.M.P.No.3902/2019, dated 4.12.2019. Further, it is learnt that the relative of Thiru. Praveen is taking efforts to move bail application again to take him out on bail in the case of Karuppur PS Cr.No.349/2019. I am also aware that bail has been granted by the Principal Sessions Judge, Salem in C.M.P.No.346/2019, dated 2.2.2019 for a similar case of Kannankurichi Police Station Cr.No.693/2018, u/s 392 r/w 397 & 506 (ii) IPC registered against one Mandai Vijay @ Vijayakumar, who was remanded on 30.12.2018. Hence, I infer that there is a real possibility of his (Thiru.Praveen) coming out on bail in the above cases, since bails are granted for similar cases by the concerned court or the higher court after efflux of certain time. If Thiru.Praveen comes out on bail in the above cases in which he is in remand he will indulge in further activities, which will be prejudicial to the maintenance of public order....."

5.From a perusal of the detention order, it is seen that the detaining authority has taken into consideration a similar case registered at Kannankurichi Police Station in Cr.No.693/2018, u/s 392 r/w 397 & 506 (ii) IPC registered

against one Mandai Vijay @ Vijayakumar, bail was granted by Principal Sessions Judge, Salem and therefore, there is a real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail and indulge in such activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public order. The similar case relied on by the authority was registered for the offences u/s 392 r/w 397 & 506 (ii) IPC whereas the offences involved in the ground case are u/s 341, 392 r/w 397 and 506(ii) IPC. Therefore, there is non-application of mind on the part of the detaining authority in not considering the similar case for arriving at subjective satisfaction. 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 C.M.P.No.57/Goonda/Salem City/2019 dated 10.12.2019, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Praveen, S/o. Sakthivel, male, aged 21 years, is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case.

Sd/-

Assistant 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 Joint Secretary to Government
Public(law & order),
Fort St.George, Chennai-9

4.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Salem.

5.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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