

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 16.04.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.N.PRAKASH
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.PONGIAPPAN

H.C.P.No.1809 of 2020

Karthikeyan,
S/o.Sivalingam

... Petitioner /
Father of the detenu

versus

- 1.State of Tamilnadu, represented by
The Secretary to Government,
Department of Home, Prohibition and Excise,
Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai.
- 2.The Commissioner of Police,
Greater Chennai,
Office of Commissioner of Police,
Vepery, Chennai - 600 007.
- 3.The Superintendent of Police,
Central Prison- Puzhal-II,
Puzhal, Chennai.
- 4.The Inspector of Police,
K-3, Aminjikarai 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 in Memo No.373/BCDFGISSSV/2020 passed by the second respondent on 15.09.2020 and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the respondents to produce the petitioner's son Naresh, son of Karthikeyan, aged about 24 years, before this Court, who is now detained in Central Prison, Puzhal-II and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner

: Mr.A.Elumalai

For Respondents

: Mr.R.Prathap Kumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

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[Order of the Court was made by R.PONGIAPPAN, J.]

The petitioner is the father of Naresh, son of Karthikeyan, aged about 24 years, who is the detenu. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in Memo No.373/BCDFGISSSV/2020 dated 15.09.2020, 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 and we have also perused the records carefully.

3. Though the learned counsel for the petitioner has raised several other grounds to assail the order of detention, he has mainly focused his argument on the ground that the bail order pertaining to the ground case has not been translated in vernacular language. This deprived the detenu from making effective representation. Therefore, on this sole ground, the detention order is liable to be quashed.

4. On consideration of the submissions made on either side and upon perusal of the documents available on record especially Page Nos.153 and 154 of the booklet, it is clear that the bail order pertaining to the ground case has not been translated in vernacular language. Thus, the impugned detention order is liable to be set aside on this ground.

5. In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in Memo No.373/BCDFGISSSV/2020 dated 15.09.2020, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, namely, Naresh, son of Karthikeyan, aged about 24 years, is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CO)

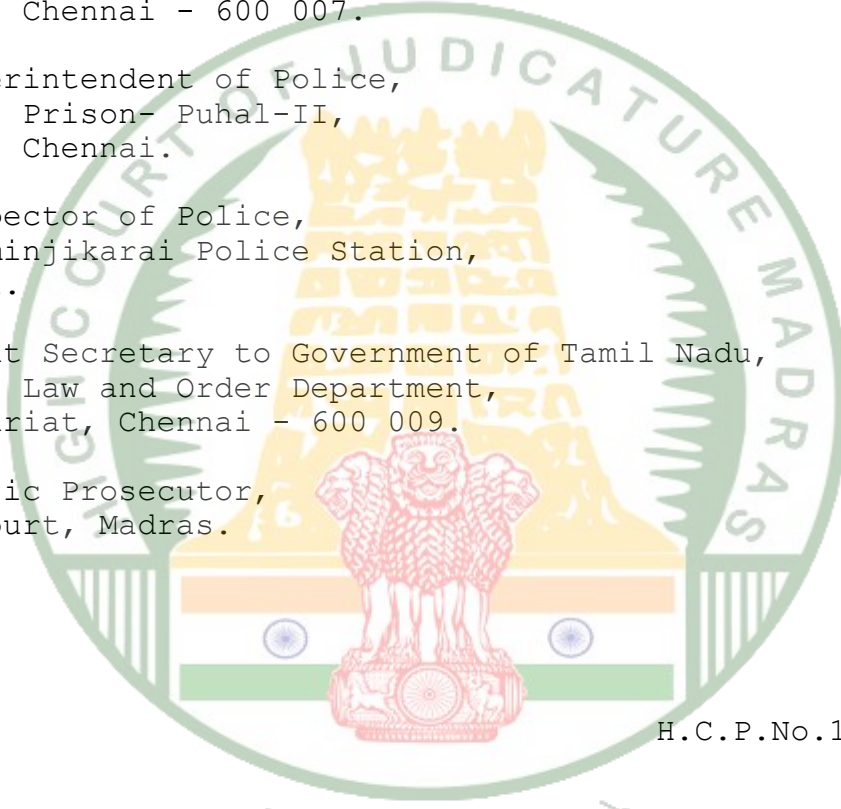
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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

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- 5.The Joint Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Public, Law and Order Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
- 6.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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