

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28.06.2021

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The Honourable Mr. Justice P.N.PRAKASH
and
The Honourable Mr. Justice R.PONGIAPPAN

H.C.P.No.2005 of 2020

Kowsalya

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State represented by

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

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

3.The Superintendent of Police,
Krishnagiri District, Krishnagiri.

4.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison,
Salem.

5.The Inspector of Police,
Singarapettai Police Station,
Krishnagiri District.

... Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus to call for the entire records in S.C.No.39/2020 dated 03.10.2020 on the file of the District Collector and District Magistrate, Krishnagiri District and quash the same as illegal and direct the respondent to produce the detenu Siva, son of Arumugam, aged about 32 years, now confined at Central Prison, Salem, before this Court and set him at liberty forthwith.

For Petitioner	: Mr.R.Sankara Subbu for S.Rajanikanth
For Respondents	Mr.R.Muniyapparaj, : Govt.Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by P.N.PRAKASH, J.]

The petitioner is the wife of Siva, son of Arumugam, aged about 32 years, who is the detenu. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in S.C.No.39/2020 dated 03.10.2020, 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 Government Advocate (Crl.Side) 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 dismissal order pertaining to the ground case has not been translated in vernacular language. He further submitted that the detaining authority, while detaining the detenu, has not furnished the legible copies of the documents relied on by him. This deprived the detenu from making effective representation. Therefore, on these grounds, the detention order is liable to be quashed.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondents strongly opposed the habeas corpus petition by filing his counter.

5. On consideration of the submissions made on either side and upon perusal of the documents available on record especially Page Nos.94 and 95 of the booklet, it is clear that the bail dismissal 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.

In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in S.C.No.39/2020 dated 03.10.2020, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, viz., Siva, son of Arumugam, aged about 32 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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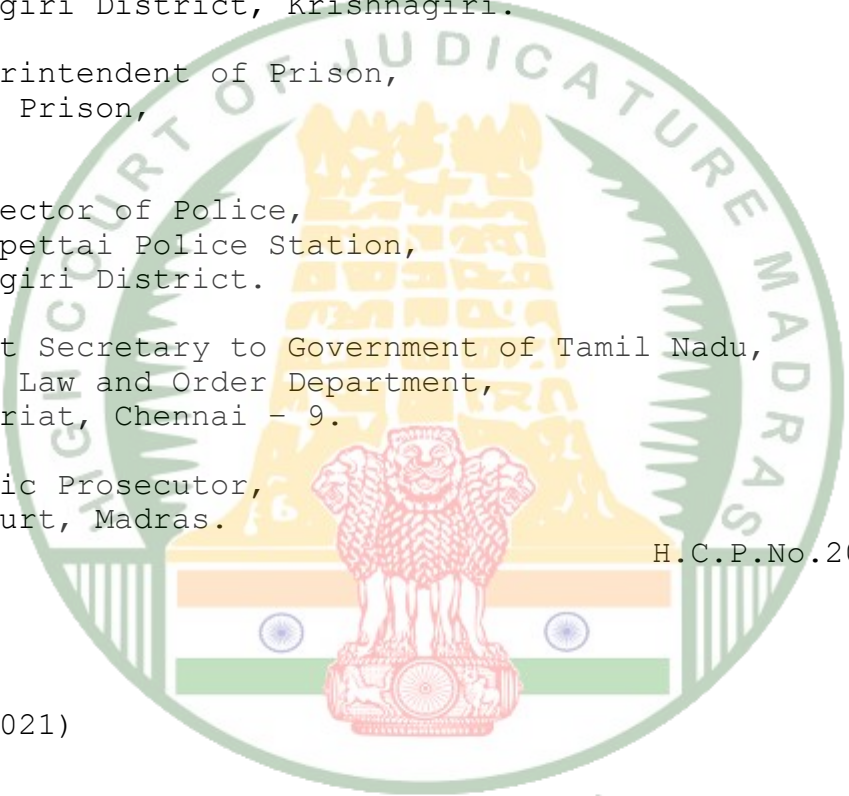
5.The Inspector of Police,
Singarapettai Police Station,
Krishnagiri District.

6.The Joint Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Public, Law and Order Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 9.

7.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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