



H.C.P.No.629 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18.10.2022

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The Honourable Mr. Justice **P.N.PRAKASH**
and
The Honourable Mr. Justice **RMT.TEEKAA RAMAN**

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.. Petitioner

Vs

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

2.The Commissioner of Police,
Salem City.

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

4.The Inspector of Police,
Annadanapatty Police Station,
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 pertaining to the



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order of detention passed by the second respondent in his on 01.04.2022 in C.M.P.No.20/Goonda/Salem City/2022 against the petitioner's husband Gopinath @ Gopi, male, aged 35 years, S/o.Gunasekaran, who is confined at the 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.Muniyapparaj
Addl. Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(Mady by *P.N.PRAKASH, J.*)

The petitioner is the wife of the detenu Gopinath @ Gopi, male, aged 35 years, S/o.Gunasekaran. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in Memo C.M.P.No.20/Goonda/Salem City/2022 dated 01.04.2022, 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.



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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. 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 arrest intimation has not been fully translated in vernacular language. This deprived the detenu from making effective representation. Therefore, on this 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.117 and 119 of the booklet, it is clear that the arrest intimation has not been fully translated in vernacular language. Thus the impugned detention order is liable to be set aside on this ground.



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In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in Memo C.M.P.No.20/Goonda/Salem City/2022 dated 01.04.2022, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, viz., Gopinath @ Gopi, male, aged 35 years, S/o.Gunasekaran, is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case.

(P.N.P., J.) (TKRJ)
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- 5.The Joint Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
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Secretariat, Chennai – 9.
- 6.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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