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H.C.P.No.1254 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08.11.2022

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

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Keerthana @ Kiruthika

.. Petitioner

Vs

1.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise (XVI) Department,
Fort St.George,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Commissioner of Police/Detaining Authority,
Office of the Commissioner of Police
/Detaining Authority,
Tiruppur City.

3.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison at Coimbatore,
Coimbatore – 18.

4.The Inspector of Police,
Velampalaiyam Police Station,
Tiruppur District.

.. Respondents



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Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus calling for the records in detention order in C.No.16/G/IS/Tiruppur City/2022 dated 15.03.2022 on the file of the second respondent and set aside the same and direct the respondents herein to produce the body of the husband of the petitioner detenu RAMPRABU, S/o.SARAVANAKUMAR, AGED 25 YEARS, now confined in the Central Prison at Coimbatore, before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Ms.R.Subadra Devi

For Respondents : Mr.R.Muniyapparaj
Addl. Public Prosecutor

ORDER

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

The petitioner is the wife of the detenu RAMPRABU, S/o.SARAVANAKUMAR, AGED 25 YEARS. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in C.No.16/G/IS/Tiruppur City/2022 dated 15.03.2022, 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. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor 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.146 and 147 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 C.No.16/G/IS/Tiruppur City/2022 dated 15.03.2022, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, viz., RAMPRABU, S/o.SARAVANAKUMAR, AGED 25 YEARS, 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,
Public, Law and Order Department,
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- 6.The Public Prosecutor,
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