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H.C.P.No.955 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 06.06.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.SUNDAR

and

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE K.GOVINDARAJAN

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W/o.Easter Raj

.. Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. by its

1. The Commissioner of Police
Office of the Commissioner
Coimbatore
Coimbatore District.
2. The Inspector of Police
Ramanathapuram Police Station
Coimbatore City
Coimbatore District.

.. Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of habeas corpus to direct the respondents 1 and 2 to produce the body or person of the petitioner's husband namely, Easter Raj, S/o.Alphonse, aged about 37 years, before this Hon'ble Court and set him at liberty.

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For Petitioner : Mr.W.Camyles Gandhi
For Respondents : Mr.R.Muniyapparaj
Additional Public Prosecutor
assisted by
Mr.Sylvester John
Advocate

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by M.SUNDAR, J.,]

This order will now dispose of the captioned 'Habeas Corpus Petition' [hereinafter 'HCP' for the sake of convenience and clarity].

2. The central theme of the captioned HCP is, petitioner's spouse one 'Easter Raj, aged 37 years' [hereinafter 'absentee' for the sake of convenience and clarity] is missing from 24.03.2023, a complaint in this regard has been lodged by the petitioner with jurisdictional police (second respondent), the same has been taken on record as Crime No.99 of 2023 on the file of second respondent and the absentee has not been located as yet.

3. Issue notice.

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4. Mr.R.Muniyapparaj, learned Additional Public Prosecutor (assisted by learned counsel Mr.Sylvester John) accepts notice for both respondents and submits on instructions (instructed by Mr.T.Shunmugam, Sub-Inspector of Police, Ramanathapuram Police Station, Coimbatore) that pursuant to the aforementioned complaint dated 26.03.2023 (Crime No.99 of 2023), investigation was kick started, a special team has been formed, a Special Sub-Inspector of Police is heading the team, investigation thus far does not show any trappings of illegal custody or unlawful detention and the jurisdictional police is hopeful of locating the absentee in four weeks from today i.e., by 04.07.2023.

5. Let the investigation proceed in accordance with law uninfluenced by this HCP.

6. On the absentee being located, let the absentee be produced before the jurisdictional Magistrate with prior intimation to the petitioner (absentee's spouse). The jurisdictional Magistrate to proceed in accordance with law. We are informed that the jurisdictional Magistrate is Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Coimbatore.



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7. If there is undue delay or if there is any other development, we make it clear that all the rights and contentions of the petitioner or anyone concerned for the absentee are preserved and left open for being raised in collateral or similar proceedings. Further we make it clear that it is open to the petitioner to come back to this Court not only with a similar but even same prayer if the need arises. All the rights of all concerned are preserved.

8. Captioned HCP is disposed of with the aforementioned observations / directives. There shall be no order as to costs.

(M.S.,J.)

(K.G.T.,J.)

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Neutral Citation : Yes

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3. The Public Prosecutor
High Court, Madras.

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