



HCP.No.1023/2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED 11.10.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR . JUSTICE S.S.SUNDAR

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

H.C.P.No.1023/2023

Valli

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Petitioner

Versus

1.The Secretary to Government
Home, Prohibition & Excise Department
Secretariat, Chennai.

2.The Commissioner of Police
The Greater Chennai Police
Vepery, Chennai.

3.The Sub Inspector of Police
Job Racket Prevention Wing
Central Crime Branch-1,
The Greater Chennai Police
Vepery, Chennai.

4.The Superintendent of Prisons
Special Prison of Women
Puzhal, Chennai.

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Respondents



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Prayer:- Habeas Corpus Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a Writ of Habeas Corpus calling for the entire records connected with the detention order of the 2nd respondent herein in detention order in No.142/BCDFGISSSV/2023 dated 08.05.2023 and quash the same and direct respondent to produce the body and person of the petitioner by name Valli, aged about 42 years, W/o.Rajesh detained in Special Prison for Women, Puzhal, Chennai before this Court and set the petitioner at liberty forthwith.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Ashwin Kumar
For Respondents : Mr.E.Raj Thilak
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.S.SUNDAR, J.)

(1)The petitioner, detenu herein, has come forward with this petition challenging the detention order passed by the 2nd respondent dated 08.05.2023 slapped on her, branding her as "Goonda" under the Tamil Nadu Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Bootleggers, Drug Offenders, Forest Offenders, Goondas, Immoral Traffic Offenders, Sand Offenders, Slum Grabbers and Video Pirates Act, 1982 [Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982].



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- (2) Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents.
- (3) Though several points have been raised by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the detention order is liable to be quashed on the sole ground that there is no proximity or live link between the date of occurrence and the date of passing of the Detention Order. Hence, the learned counsel prayed that the Detention Order is vitiated and is liable to be set aside.
- (4) It is seen that there are two adverse cases registered against the detinue, viz., Crime No.6/2019 and Crime No.6/2022 and the ground case in Crime No.49/2019. The detinue was originally arrested in the adverse cases and thereafter, on PT Warrant on 24.03.2023, she was arrested in the Ground Case which case was registered in the year 2019 ; whereas the Detention Order was passed on 08.05.2023. Thus, the subjective satisfaction arrived by the Detaining Authority while passing the detention order is vitiated on this ground and the same is liable to be quashed.
- (5) In view of the aforesaid reason, the detention order passed by the 2nd respondent dated 08.05.2023 in Memo No.142/BCDFGISSSV/2023 is



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hereby set aside and the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed. The detenue viz., Valli, W/o.Rajesh, aged 42 years, is directed to be set at liberty forthwith unless she is required in connection with any other case.

[SSSRJ] [SMJ]
11.10.2023

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To

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High Court, Madras.



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