



HCP(MD)No.27 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 03.07.2023

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**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH
AND
THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.NIRMAL KUMAR**

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Jeyalakshimi

.. Petitioner /wife of the
detenu

Vs.

1.State of Tamilnadu, represented by
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.

2.The District Magistrate and District Collector,
O/o District Magistrate and District Collector,
Dindigul District,
Dindigul.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Madurai.

.. Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus, calling for the entire records in Detention Order No.64/2022 dated 19.07.2022 on the file of the 2nd respondent herein and set aside the same as illegal and direct the respondents to produce the



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body or person of the petitioner's husband namely Suresh, S/o.Hitler aged 45 years, who is detained in Central Prison, Madurai before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Srinivasan

For Respondents : Mr.A.Thiruvadikumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

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

The petitioner is the wife of the detenu viz., Suresh, aged about 48 years, S/o.Hitlar. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in Detention Order No.64/2022 dated 19.07.2022 holding him to be a "Sexual Offender", as contemplated under Section 2(ggg) 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 Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents. We have also perused the records produced by the Detaining Authority.



3. Though several grounds have been raised in the Habeas Corpus Petition, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would mainly focus his argument on the ground that the detaining authority has relied upon the order passed in Cr.M.P.No.311/2020 dated 10.03.2020 and came to the conclusion that in a similar case bail has been granted and that there is likelihood of the detenu released on bail. The learned counsel submitted that the detaining authority was aware of the fact that the detenu filed bail application in the ground case and the same is pending. The learned counsel for the petitioner therefore submitted that the order relied upon by the detaining authority is not similar and there is non application of mind on the part of the detaining authority.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor strongly opposed the Habeas Corpus Petition by filing his counter.

5. On carefully going through the detention order, it is seen that in the order that was relied upon by the detaining authority in Cr.M.P.No.311/2020 dated 10.03.2020, the accused therein had suffered 46 days of incarceration and since the learned Special Public Prosecutor had not raised any serious



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objections, bail was granted. Hence, the order that was relied upon by the detaining authority cannot be considered to be an order passed in a similar case.

6. In view of the above, the detention order suffers from non application of mind and the same is liable to be interfered with by this Court. The impugned detention order is, therefore, liable to be quashed.

7. In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in Detention Order No.64/2022 dated 19.07.2022 passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, viz., Suresh, S/o.Hitlar, aged about 48 years, is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case.

(M.S.R.,J.) (M.N.K.,J.)
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NCC : Yes / No
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