



HCP(MD)No.152 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 26.07.2023

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

H.C.P.(MD)No.152 of 2023

Subbulakshmi

.. Petitioner / Wife of
the Detenu

Vs.

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

2.The District Collector and District Magistrate,
Thoothukudi District, Thoothukudi.

3.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison,
Palayamkottai,
Tirunelveli.

.. Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus, calling for the records connected with the detention order passed by the second respondent in his proceedings in H.S.



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(M)Confdl.No.266 of 2022, dated 27.12.2022 in detaining the detenu under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982 as a Goonda and quash the same and direct the respondents to produce the detenu namely Palanikumar, S/o.Nallakannu, aged about 39 years, now detained at the Central Prison, Palayamkottai, before this Court and set him at liberty forthwith.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Jeganathan

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 detenu viz., Palanikumar, S/o.Nallakannu, aged about 39 years. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in H.S.(M)Confdl.No.266 of 2022, dated 27.12.2022 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 copy of the initial remand order has not been furnished to the detenu, despite the same has been sought for by the petitioner in his representation. Therefore, he submits that on the sole ground, the detention order is liable to be quashed.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor while objecting this petition submitted that on completion of investigation, charge sheet has been filed in P.R.C.No.37 of 2023, the same is pending before the Judicial Magistrate No.III, Thoothukudi.



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5. On consideration of the submissions made on either side and upon perusal of the documents available on record, especially, the representation made by the petitioner dated 27.01.2023, he had sought for the initial remand order, however, the same has not been furnished to the detenu, which vitiates the order of detention.

6. In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in H.S.(M)Confdl.No.266 of 2022, dated 27.12.2022 passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, viz., Palanikumar, S/o.Nallakannu, aged about 39 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.)
26.07.2023

NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No

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