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HCP(MD)No.184 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 03.08.2023

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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.184 of 2023

S.Ranjitham

.. Petitioner /Mother of the Detenu

Vs.

1.State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by 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 entire records connected with



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the detention order passed in H.S.(M)Confdl.No.12/2023 dated 20.01.2023 on the file of the second respondent herein and quash the same and direct the respondents to produce the detenu or body of the detenu namely the petitioner's son i.e., Pratheep @ Antony Pratheep, aged about 20 years, S/o.Soosairaj, now detained at the Central Prison, Palayamkottai, before this Court and set him at liberty forthwith.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Pragalathan

For Respondents : Mr.A.Thiruvadikumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

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

The petitioner is the mother of the detenu viz., Pratheep @ Antony Pratheep, aged about 20 years, S/o.Soosairaj. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in H.S.(M)Confdl.No.12/2023 dated 20.01.2023 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 her representation. Therefore, on the sole 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, the representation made by the petitioner dated 04.02.2023, she had sought for the initial



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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.12/2023 dated 20.01.2023 passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, viz., Pratheep @ Antony Pratheep, S/o.Soosairaj, aged about 20 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.)
03.08.2023

NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
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To

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3. The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison,
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Tirunelveli.
4. The Joint Secretary to Government,
Public (Law and Order),
Fort St. George,
Chennai.
5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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