



HCP(MD)No.382 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 18.08.2023

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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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Kalarani

.. Petitioner /Mother of the Detenu

Vs.

- 1.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St.George,
Chennai.
- 2.The District Magistrate and District Collector,
O/o. The District Magistrate and District Collector,
Virudhunagar District.
- 3.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison,
Madurai.
- 4.The Inspector of Police,
Sivakasi East Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.

.. 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 the detention order in Cr.M.P.No.02/2023 dated 27.02.2023 on the file of



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the Respondent No.2 and quash the same as illegal and direct the respondents to produce the body or person of the petitioner's son namely Balaganesh @ Dhoni S/o.Athisankar aged about 27 years now confined at Central Prison, Madurai before this Court and set him at liberty forthwith.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.M.A.Jinnah

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., Balaganesh @ Dhoni, aged about 27 years, S/o.Athisankar. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in Cr.M.P.No.02/2023 dated 27.02.2023 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.

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.



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3. Among other grounds, the detention order is mainly attacked on the ground that there is a delay in passing the order of detention. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner strongly contended that though the detenu was arrested on 23.12.2022, the detention order was passed only on 27.02.2023, i.e., after a considerable delay of 66 days. Therefore, the detention order has to be set aside.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor has not filed his counter. However, he strongly opposed the Habeas Corpus Petition.

5. As seen from the grounds of detention, it is clear that though the detenu was arrested on 23.12.2022, the order of detention came to be passed only on 27.02.2023 and hence, there is an abnormal delay in passing the order of detention, which caused prejudice to the interest of the detenu.

6. We have gone through the entire materials placed on record. There is no satisfactory explanation offered by the Detaining Authority for the delay in passing the order of detention. Hence, the impugned order of detention is liable to be set aside.



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7. In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in Cr.M.P.No.02/2023 dated 27.02.2023 passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, viz., Balaganesh @ Dhoni, S/o.Athisankar, aged about 27 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.)
18.08.2023

NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
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4. The Inspector of Police,
Siyakasi East Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
5. The Joint Secretary to Government,
Public (Law and Order),
Fort St. George, Chennai.
6. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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