



HCP(MD)No.793 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 14.08.2023

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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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Chandra

.. Petitioner / mother
of the Detenu

Vs.

1.The Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

2.The Commissioner of Police,
Trichy City, Trichy District

3.The Inspector of Police,
Palakkarai Police Station
Trichy City.

4.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison,Trichy

.. Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus, calling for the records pertaining to the order of detention passed by the second respondent in proceedings in C.No.

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05/Detention/CPO/TC/2023 dated 18.02.2023 and quash the same as illegal and produce the detenu namely Manikandan, S/o.Muthusamy aged about 28 years, now he is confined in Central Prison, Trichy before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Leninkumar

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., Manikandan S/o.Muthusamy aged about 28 years. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in C.No.05/Detention/CPO/TC/2023 dated 18.02.2023 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. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner strongly contended that though the detenu was arrested on 28.12.2022, the detention order was passed only on 18.02.2023 i.e., after a considerable delay of more than 50 days. Therefore, the detention order has to be set aside.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor strongly objected this petition.

5. As seen from the grounds of detention, it is clear that though the detenu was arrested on 28.12.2022, the order of detention came to be passed only on 18.02.2023 and hence, there is an abnormal delay in passing the order of Detention, which caused prejudice to the interest of the detenu.



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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.

7. In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in C.No.05/Detention/CPO/TC/2023 dated 18.02.2023 passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, viz., Manikandan S/o.Muthusamy, aged about 28 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.)
02.08.2023

NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
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