



HCP(MD)No.1667 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 07.07.2023

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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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Murugeswari

.. Petitioner / wife
of the detenu

Vs.

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

2.State represented by
The District Collector and District Magistrate
Tenkasi District, Tenkasi.

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

.. Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus to call for the records from the 2nd respondent in M.H.S.Confdl. No.79/2022 dated 27.08.2022 by setting aside the said order of detention passed to the second respondent and setting the detenu Kanipandi, S/o.Karuppaiah aged about 30 years, at liberty now detained in



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the Central Prison, Palayamkottai.

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For Petitioner : Mr.K.Prabhu

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., Kanipandi, aged about 30 years, S/o.Raja. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in M.H.S.Confdl. No.79/2022 dated 27.08.2022 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.

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



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focus his argument on the ground that the detaining authority has relied upon the order passed in CrI.M.P.No.2077/2021 dated 23.03.2021 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 CrI.M.P.No. 2077/2021 dated 23.03.2021, the accused therein was enlarged on bail on the ground that there was simple injury to the de-facto complainant and there was no previous case. However, in the present case, the offences are under sections 341, 307, 324 and 506(ii) and that there are previous case



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against the detenu and 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 M.H.S.Confdl. No.79/2022 dated 27.08.2022 passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, viz., Kanipandi S/o.Karuppaiah, aged about 30 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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