



HCP(MD)No.1740 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 05.07.2023

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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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Murugan

.. Petitioner /father
of the detenu

Vs.

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu
represented by its Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Home Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.
- 2.The District Collector and District Magistrate
Thanjavur District. Thanjavur.
- 3.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison, Tiruchirappalli
- 4.The Inspector of Police,
Thiruchitrambalam Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

.. Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus to call for the records of the detention order in P.D.No.99/2022 dated 07.08.2022 passed by the District Collector and District Magistrate, Thanjavur District, Thanjavur the 2nd respondent herein



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and set aside the same and direct the respondents to produce the body or person of the detenu before this Court and set the detenu Thiru.Ajith, son of Murugan, aged 20 years, now confined and now kept in Central Prison, Tiruchirappalli and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Gajendran

For Respondents : Mr.A.Thiruvadikumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

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

The petitioner is the father of the detenu viz., Ajith, aged about 20 years, S/o.Murugan. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in detention order P.D.No.99/2022 dated 07.08.2022 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.



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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 14.06.2022, the detention order was passed only on 07.08.2022 i.e., after a considerable delay of nearly two months. Therefore, the detention order has to be set aside.

4. As seen from the grounds of detention, it is clear that though the detenu was arrested on 14.06.2022, the order of detention came to be passed only on 07.08.2022 and hence, there is an abnormal delay in passing the order of Detention, which caused prejudice to the interest of the detenu.

5. 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.

6. In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in P.D.No.99/2022 dated 07.08.2022 passed by the second



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respondent is set aside. The detenu, viz., Ajith S/o.Murugan, 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.)
05.07.2023

NCC : Yes/No
Internet : Yes
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To

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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