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HCP.No.2276 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.09.2024

CORAM :

**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM**  
**AND**  
**THE HONOURABLE DR. JUSTICE A.D. MARIA CLETE**

H.C.P.No.2276 of 2024

Aruljothi

... Petitioner/Mother of the Detenu

***Vs.***

1. State represented by  
Secretary to Government,  
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,  
Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Fort St.George,  
Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Commissioner of Police,  
Salem City,  
Salem.
3. The Superintendent of Police,  
Central Prison,  
Salem.
4. The Inspector of Police,  
Kitchiplayam Police Station,  
Salem.

... Respondents

**Prayer:** Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of Writ of Habeas Corpus, to call for the records in connection with the detention order passed by the second respondent dated 25.06.2024 in



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C.M.P.No.56/Goonda/Salem City/2024 against the petitioner's son Ramkumar, aged 25 years, S/o. Murali, who is confined in Central Prison, Salem and set aside the detention order and direct the respondents to produce him before this Court and set him at liberty.

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| For Petitioner  | : Mr.L.Ramanathan                                 |
| For Respondents | : Mr.E.Raj Thilak<br>Additional Public Prosecutor |

**ORDER**

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

The preventive detention order passed by the second respondent dated 25.06.2024 is sought to be quashed in the present habeas corpus petition.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, as well as the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents.

3. Though several grounds are raised in the petition, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that there is an inordinate delay in passing the order of detention.

4. In the instant case, the detenu was arrested on 23.05.2024 and thereafter, the detention order came to be passed on 25.06.2024. This fact is not disputed by the learned Additional Public Prosecutor.



5. In the case of '**Sushanta Kumar Banik Vs. State of Tripura**', reported in '**2022 LiveLaw (SC) 813**', when there was an inordinate delay from the date of proposal till passing of the detention order and likewise, between the date of detention order and the actual arrest, the Hon'ble Supreme Court had held that the live and proximate link, between the grounds and the purpose of detention, stands snapped in arresting the detenu. The relevant observation of the Hon'ble Supreme Court is extracted hereunder:-

*“20. It is manifestly clear from a conspectus of the above decisions of this Court, that the underlying principle is that if there is unreasonable delay between the date of the order of detention & actual arrest of the detenu and in the same manner from the date of the proposal and passing of the order of detention, such delay unless satisfactorily explained throws a considerable doubt on the genuineness of the requisite subjective satisfaction of the detaining authority in passing the detention order and consequently render the detention order bad and invalid because the “live and proximate link” between the grounds of detention and the purpose of detention is snapped in arresting the detenu. A question whether the delay is unreasonable and stands unexplained depends on the facts and circumstances of each case.”*





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8. Accordingly, the detention order passed by the second respondent in proceedings C.M.P.No.56/Goonda/SALEM CITY/2024, dated 25.06.2024 is hereby set aside and the Habeas Corpus Petition is **allowed**. The detenu viz., Ramkumar, aged 25 years, S/o. Murali confined at Central Prison, Salem is directed to be set at liberty forthwith, unless his confinement is required in connection with any other case.

[S.M.S., J.] [A.D.M.C., J.]  
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Index: Yes/No  
Speaking/Non-speaking order  
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Chennai - 104.



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