



H.C.P.(MD) No.609 of 2025

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 03.06.2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA
and
THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE R. POORNIMA**

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Naveen Kumar

... Petitioner

-vs-

1.The Superintendent of Police
Sivagangai District

2.The Inspector of Police
Pallathur Police Station
Sivagangai District

3.Venugopal

4.Praveen

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of habeas corpus directing the respondents 1 and 2 herein to produce the person or body of my friend namely Pragathi aged about 27 years before this Court and set her at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Srikanth

For Respondents : Mr.B.Nambiselvam
No.1 and 2 Additional Public Prosecutor

No.4 : Mr.R.Gowri Shankar



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ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.]

The petitioner has filed this habeas corpus petition seeking a direction to the respondents 1 and 2 herein to produce the person or body of his friend namely Pragathi aged about 27 years before this Court and set her at liberty.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that he is a medical professional practicing medicine in a private hospital at Udumalpet and that he was in love with the alleged detainee Pragathi who is aged about 27 years who is also a medical professional. The further case of the petitioner is that the alleged detainee contacted him through whatsapp and confided that her parents coming to know of the love affair has compelled and coerced her to marry one Praveen Kumar and had kept her in illegal detention, hence the petitioner has filed this habeas corpus petition.

3. When the matter is taken up in the morning Mr.R.Gowri Sankar, learned counsel undertook to file vakalath on behalf of the fourth respondent and also undertook to produce the alleged victim before this Court at 2.15 p.m., and submitted that the alleged detainee is not kept in illegal detention and that she had voluntarily married the fourth respondent and their



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marriage had been registered at the office of the SRO, Madurai. Pursuant to the same, the alleged victim was produced before us. We enquired the said victim. She submitted that she is aged about 27 years and that she is a medical professional and she stated that she was coerced by her parents emotionally and mentally and she was compelled to marry Praveen Kumar. She also submitted that she was forced to marry and that she does not want to live with him and that she expressed her desire to go along with the petitioner/Naveen Kumar.

4. Finding that the alleged detainee is aged about 27 years and is free to take her own decision no further adjudication is required in this habeas corpus petition and the same is, therefore, closed. Further the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Karaikudi Sub Division is directed to afford protection to the petitioner and the victim/Pragati and also shall ensure their safety.

[A.D.J.C., J.]

[R.P., J.]

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