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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 06.01.2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE R.POORNIMA**

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Kannan

... Petitioner / father of the detenue

Vs.

- 1.Government of Tamil Nadu,
rep. By its The Principal Secretary,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.
- 2.The District Magistrate and District Collector,
Karur District,
Karur.
- 3.The Superintendent of Police,
Karur District,
Karur.
- 4.The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison,
Tiruchirappalli.
- 5.The Inspector of Police,
Karur Town Police Station,
Karur District.

... Respondents



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PRAYER : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issue of a Writ of Habeas Corpus, to call for the records in Detention Order passed in Cr.M.P.No.02/2024, dated 08.02.2024 on the file of the second respondent herein and quash the same and direct the respondents herein to produce the body or person of the petitioner's son Thiru.Palpandi @ Sabari S/o.Kannan M/A 24 years now confined in Central Prison, Tiruchirappalli before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Padmanabhan

For Respondents : Mr.T.Senthil Kumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. The petitioner's son was detained as Goonda vide order dated 08.02.2024 by the second respondent. The detenue was arrested on 23.12.2024. There is a gap of more than 14 days between the date of arrest and the date of passing of the detention order.

3. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Sushanta Kumar Banik Vs. State of Tripura reported in (2022 Livelaw (SC) 813)*** held as follows:-

“20. It is manifestly clear from a conspectus of the above decisions of this Court, that the underlying principle is that if there



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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.”

4. In this case, there is an inordinate delay from the date of arrest till the date of detention. The “live and proximate link” between the two got snapped. The detention order is quashed on this ground. The detenue shall be set at liberty forthwith unless his detention is otherwise warranted by law.

5. The Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed.

(G.R.S., J.) (R.P., J.)
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- 6.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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