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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

HCP No. 396 of 2026

AND

HCP NO. 33 OF 2026,HCP NO. 206 OF 2026,HCP NO. 2221 OF 2025,HCP
NO. 2217 OF 2025,HCP NO. 2252 OF 2025,HCP NO. 2283 OF 2025

Kasturi
W/o.Sridhar,
No.24, Thiru.Vi.Ka.Nagar, 1st Street,
Madhavaram, Chennai - 600 060.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamilnadu Rep. by the Additional
Chief Secretary to Government,
Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Commissioner of Police,
Greater Chennai Police Commissioner, Vepery,
Chennai-7.
3. The Superintendent
Central Prison, Puzhal,
Chennai-66.
4. The State Rep. by the Inspector of Police,
M1-Madhavaram Police Station,
Chennai.

..Respondent(s)

HCP No. 33 of 2026

Sujatha
W/o.Nagalingam (Late),



No. 24/33 Muthumariyamman Koil Street,
Madhavaram,
Chennai - 600 060.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

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1. The State of Tamilnadu Rep. by its Secretary to Government (Home)
Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai- 600 009.
2. The Commissioner of Police
Greater Chennai,
Chennai.
3. The Superintendent of Prison
Central Prison, Puzhal,
Chennai.
4. The Inspector of Police
M1, Madhavaram Police Station,
Chennai.

..Respondent(s)

HCP No. 206 of 2026

Devi
W/o. Lourduraj,
No.12, Kolkotta Shop,
Madhavaram,
Chennai - 600 060.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. State of Tamil Nadu, Rep.by, The Additional
Chief Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Commissioner of Police,
Greater Chennai Police Commissioner,
Vepery, Chennai - 7.



3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Puzhal, Chennai - 66.

4. The Inspector of Police,
M1, Madhavaram Police Station,
Chennai.

HCP No. 2221 of 2025

..Respondent(s)

Nithiyaa Sri
W/o.Monish alies Poovarasan,
No.32B, Pandian Street,
Madhavaram, Chennai-600 060

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. State of Tamil Nadu rep by the Additional
Chief Secretary to Government
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St.George,
Chennai-600 009

2. The Commissioner of Police
Greater Chennai Police Commissioner,
Vepery, Chennai-7

3. The Superintendent
Central Prison,
Puzhal, Chennai-66

4. The Inspector of Police
M-1, Madhavaram Police Station, Chennai

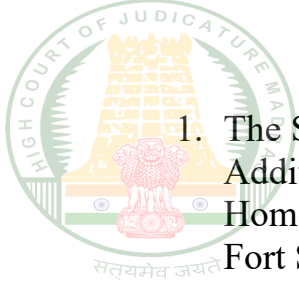
HCP No. 2217 of 2025

..Respondent(s)

Vilat
W/o.Mohandoss,
NO.32B, Pandian Street,
Madhavaram, Chennai-600 060.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs



1. The State Of Tamilnadu Rep By, The
Additional Chief Secretary To Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St.George. Chennai-600 009.
2. The Commissioner Of Police,
Greater, Chennai Police Commissioner,
Vepery, Chennai-7.
3. The Superintendent Of Prison,
Central Prison,
Puzhal, Chennai-66.
4. The Inspector Of Police,
M-1, Madhavaram Police Station,
Chennai.

..Respondent(s)

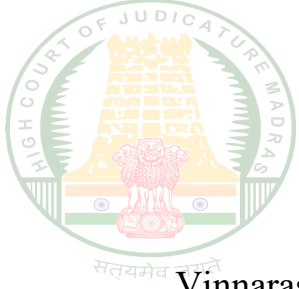
HCP No. 2252 of 2025

Arokiya Doss
S/o.Gajendiran,
No.6B, Afmbedkar Street,
Kodungaiyur, Chennai - 600 118.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. State of Tamil Nadu, Rep. By
The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Commissioner of Police
Greater Chennai Police Commissioner,
Vepery, Chennai -7.
3. The Superintendent
Central Prison,
Puzhal, Chennai - 66.
4. The Inspector of Police
M1-Madhavaram Police Station,
Chennai.



..Respondent(s)

HCP No. 2283 of 2025

Vinnarasi

W/o.James,

No. 21, Burma Colony First Street,
Anna Nagar, Madhavaram,
Chennai- 600 060.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamilnadu
Represented by Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Government of Tamilnadu,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Commissioner of Police
Greater Chennai,
Office of the Commissioner of Police (Goondas
Section), Vepery, Chennai - 600 007.
3. The Superintend of Prison
Chennai Central Prison, Puzhal-II,
Chennai - 600 066.
4. The Inspector of Police
M-1 Madhavaram Police Station, Chennai 600
110.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer in HCP No. 396 of 2026 : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus or any other writ of direction calling for the records relating to the detention order in Memo No.681/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025 dated 12.09.2025 passed by the 2nd respondent under the Tamilnadu Act 14 of 1982 and set aside the same and direct the respondents to produce the petitioner's son Praveenkumar @ Chinnakunji S/o.Sridhar, the detenu. now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai before



this Hon'ble Court and set the petitioner's son Praveenkumar @ Chinnakunji S/o.Sridhar, aged about 20 years the detenu herein at liberty.

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Prayer in HCP No. 33 of 2026: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of habeas corpus to call for the records pertaining to the order of detention passed in his proceedings vide order BBCDEFGISSSV No. 683/2025 dated on 12.09.2025 passed by the 2nd respondent and set aside the same and directing the respondents to produce petitioner's son by name Rubesh, S/o.Nagalingam, aged about 27 years, before this Hon'ble Court now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai and set him at liberty.

Prayer in HCP No. 206 of 2026: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus to calling for the records relating to the detention order in Memo No.684/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025 dated 12.09.2025 passed by the 2nd Respondent under the Tamilnadu Act 14 of 1982 and set aside the same and direct the respondents to produce the petitioner's son Akash, S/o.Lourduraj, the detenu, now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai before this Honble Court and set the petitioner's son Akash S/o. Lourduraj, aged about 18 years the detenu herein at Liberty.

Prayer in HCP No. 2221 of 2025: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of habeas Corpus or any other writ or direction calling for the records relating to the detention order in Memo No.688/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025 dated 12.09.2025 passed by the 2nd respondent under the TN Act 14 of 1982 and set aside the same and direct the respondent to produce the petitioner's Husband Monish @ Poovarasan S/o.Mohandass, the detenu now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai before this Hon'ble Court and set the petitioner's Husband Monish @Poovarasn S/o.Mohandoss

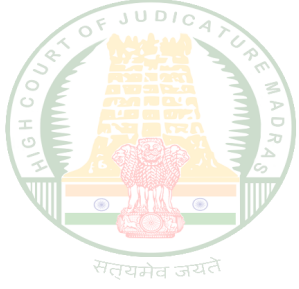


aged 24 years the detenu herein at liberty.

Prayer in HCP No. 2217 of 2025 : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus or any other Writ of direction calling for the records relating to the detention order in Memo No.687/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025 dated 12.09.2025 passed by the 2nd respondents under the Tamilnadu Act 14 of 1982 and set aside the same and direct the respondents to produce the petitioner's Son Rakesh, S/o.Mohandoss, the detenu now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai before this Hon'ble Court and set the petitioner's son Rakesh, S/o.Mohandoss, aged about 19 years the detenu herein at liberty.

Prayer in HCP No. 2252 of 2025: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus or any other Writ of direction calling for the records relating to the detention order in Memo No.682/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025, dated 12-09-2025 passed by the 2nd Respondent under the Tamilnadu Act 14 of 1982 and set aside the same and direct the respondents to produce the petitioner's son PrakanKumar, S/o Arokiya Doss, the detenu now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai before this Honble Court and set the petitioner's son PrakanKumar, S/o.Arokiya Doss, aged about 18 years the detenu herein at liberty.

Prayer in HCP No. 2283 of 2025 : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of habeas corpus to call for the records relating to the detention order dt. 12.09.2025 passed by the 2nd respondent in No. BBCDEFGISSSV/685/2025 and quash the same and direct the respondents herein to produce the petitioner's son Jerome, S/o. James, aged 20 years, who is presently under going detention in the Chennai Central Prison, Puzhal-II, before this Honble court and set him at liberty.



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For Petitioner(s):

Mr.M.SelvaKumar

(In HCP 396/26, 2221/25, 206/26, 2217/25)

Ms.G.Gayathri

(In HCP No.2283/25)

Mr.N.Naresh

(In HCP No.2252/25)

Mr.M.Jayaseelan

(In HCP No.33/26)

For Respondent(s):

Mr.C.R.Malarvannan,

Counsel For Government of Tamil Nadu

(Criminal Side)

(In HCP's)

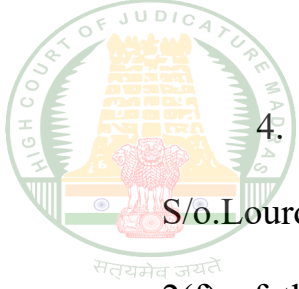
COMMON ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by Dr.Anita Sumanth J.)

In HCP.No.396 of 2026, the mother of the detenu viz., Praveenkumar @ Chinnakunji, S/o.Sridhar, aged 20 years, who has been branded as Goonda under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Preventive Detention Act, 1982 (Act), has filed this habeas corpus petition.

2. In HCP.No.2283 of 2025, the mother of the detenu viz., Jerome, S/o. James, aged 20 years, who has been branded as Goonda under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Preventive Detention Act, 1982 (Act), has filed this habeas corpus petition.

3. In HCP.No.2221 of 2025, the wife of the detenu viz., Monish @ Poovarasan, S/o.Mohandoss, aged 24 years, who has been branded as Goonda under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Preventive Detention Act, 1982 (Act), has filed this habeas corpus petition.



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4. In HCP.No.206 of 2026, the mother of the detenu viz., Akash, S/o.Lourduraj, aged 18 years, who has been branded as Goonda under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Preventive Detention Act, 1982 (Act), has filed this habeas corpus petition.

5. In HCP.No.33 of 2026, the mother of the detenu viz., Rupesh, S/o.Nagalingam, aged 27 years, who has been branded as Goonda under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Preventive Detention Act, 1982 (Act), has filed this habeas corpus petition.

6. In HCP.No.2252 of 2025, the father of the detenu viz., Prakankumar, S/o.Arokiya Doss, aged 18 years, who has been branded as Goonda under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Preventive Detention Act, 1982 (Act), has filed this habeas corpus petition.

7. In HCP.No.2217 of 2025, mother father of the detenu viz., Rakesh, S/o.Mohandoss, aged 19 years, who has been branded as Goonda under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Preventive Detention Act, 1982 (Act), has filed this habeas corpus petition.

8. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr.C.R.Malarvannan, learned counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu (Criminal Side) for the respondents.

9. The main case of the petitioners is that none of the petitioners have filed bail applications and hence the subjective satisfaction of the detaining authority that they may be enlarged on bail is incorrect. That apart, they also



questioned his statement that evidences obtained for their being enlarged on bail.

10. We have perused the impugned orders of detention and find that the detaining authority has categorically premised his subjective satisfaction on the statement of the sponsoring authority that the relatives of the detenus are taking steps to enlarge them on bail. This subjective satisfaction is based on a statement avowedly recorded from the relatives which is placed in the booklet. However, on a perusal of the statement, we find that, it is not signed by the person to whom it is attributed. In such circumstances, the statement itself becomes questionable.

11. We have, in fact, taken a similar view in our order dated 03.03.2026 in HCP Nos. 2129, 2179 and 2340 of 2025 and the relevant paragraphs are extracted below:

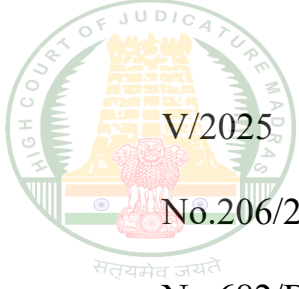
8. On the first question whether bail applications have been filed at all, we have perused the booklets that contain the avowed statements of M.Pitchaiammal at page 147, Nagomi at page 146 and Mohan at page 148 of the booklet.

9. According to the petitioners, there are three flaws in the statements recorded. Firstly, they are unsigned, secondly, they are undated and thirdly, the crime number mentioned therein is incorrect, insofar as the crime number mentioned is 332 of 2025, whereas the crime number in the ground case in all three cases is 378 of 2025.

10. Having considered the rival contentions, we agree with the petitioners that the statements relied upon by the respondents do not support their case. Firstly, the statements are indeed unsigned and undated. There is hence absolutely no clarity, much less certainty, as to when they were recorded.

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13. In light of the aforesaid discussion, these Habeas Corpus Petitions are allowed and the Detention Orders all dated 12.09.2025 passed by the second respondent in No.681/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025 (HCP No. 396/2026), No.685/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025(HCP.No.2283/2025), No.688/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025(HCP.No.2284/2025) are hereby set aside.



V/2025 (HCP No.2221/2025), No.684/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025 (HCP No.206/2026), No.683/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025 (HCP No.33/2026), No.682/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025 (HCP No.2252/2025) and No.687/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025 (HCP No.2217/2025) are set aside.

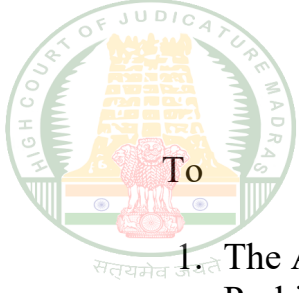
14. The detenus, viz., Praveenkumar @ Chinnakunji, S/o.Sridhar, aged 20 years (HCP No. 393/2026), Jerome, S/o.James, aged 20 years (HCP No.2283/2025), Monish @ Poovarasan, S/o.Mohandoss, aged 24 years (HCP No.2221/2025), Akash, S/o. Lourduraj, aged 18 years (HCP No. 206/2026), Rupesh, S/o.Nagalingam, aged 27 years (HCP No. 33/2026), Prakankumar, S/o.Arokiya Doss, aged 18 years (HCP No. 2252/2025) and Rakesh, S/o. Mohandoss, aged 19 years, (HCP No.2217/2025) now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai, are directed to be set at liberty forthwith, unless their presence is required in connection with any other case.

(A.S.M, J.) (S.M, J.)
04-06-2026

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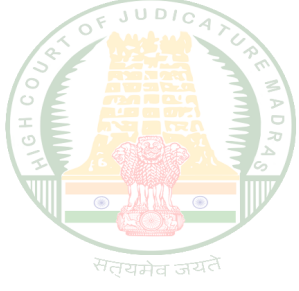
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Note to Registry : Issue Today



To

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Commissioner of Police,
Greater Chennai Police Commissioner,
Vepery, Chennai-7.
3. The Superintendent
Central Prison, Puzhal,
Chennai-66.
4. The Superintendent
Central Prison, Puzhal II,
Chennai-66.
5. The Inspector of Police,
M1-Madhavaram Police Station,
Chennai.
6. The Joint Secretary to Government
Public (Law and Order),
Fort St.George,
Chennai – 9.
7. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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