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HCP No. 2106 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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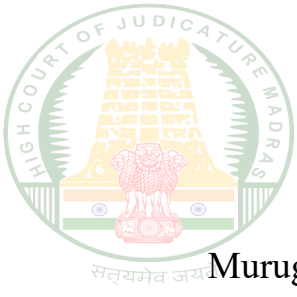
..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary to Government
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai-600 009.
2. The Commissioner of Police
Tambaram City.
3. The Superintendent Of Prison,
Central Prison, Puzhal,
Chennai.
4. The Inspector of Police
T-9, Maraimalai Nagar Police Station,
Tambaram City.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus or any other Writ or order in the nature of Writ, call for the records in connection with the order of Detention passed by the second respondent 17.09.2025 in BBCDEFGISSSV No.117/2025 against the petitioner's son Senthil



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Murugan, Male aged 31 years S/o. Jayamoorthi who is confined at Central Prison, Puzhal and set aside the same and direct the respondents to produce the detenu before this Court and set him at Liberty.

For Petitioner(s):	Ms.J.K.Madhumathi for Mr.D.Balaji
For Respondent(s):	Mr. R. Muniyapparaj Additional Public Prosecutor Assisted By Mr. M. Sylvester John

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by Sunder Mohan J.)

The mother of the detenu – Senthil Murugan, has filed this petition challenging the detention order dated 17.09.2025, branding him as a ‘Goonda’ under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Preventive Detention Act, 1982 (Act 14/1982).

2. We have heard learned counsel for petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondents.

3. We find on perusal of the record and on hearing the submissions on either side, the impugned order cannot be sustained on the sole ground



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that the special report sent by the sponsoring authority is undated. The compelling necessity to detain the detenu would depend on the date on which the sponsoring authority has sent his report. In the absence of the said date, the special report would become irrelevant and the compelling necessity to detain the detenu becomes doubtful.

4. Further in '*Rekha Vs. State of Tamil Nadu through Secretary to Government and another*' reported in '*2011 [5] SCC 244*', the Hon'ble Supreme Court had held that where the detention order is passed on any irrelevant material, then, the detention order is liable to be quashed. Therefore, we are of the view that for the aforesaid reason the impugned detention order is liable to be set aside.

5. Accordingly, this Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the Detention Order passed by the second respondent in BBCDEFGISSSV No.117/2025 dated 17.09.2025 is set aside.

6. The detenu, viz., J.Senthil Murugan, S/o. Jayamoorthi, aged 31 years, who is now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai is directed



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to be set at liberty forthwith, unless his presence is required in connection with any other case.

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(A.S.M.,J.) (S.M.,J.)
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5. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.
6. The Joint Secretary to Government,
Public (Law and Order),
Secretariat, Fort.St.George, Chennai -9.



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