



HCP No.2247 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 01-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Suganya
W/o.Arumugam,
No.86, C-Block, 8th Floor,
TNSCP Quarters,
Ellaiamman Kovil Street,
Tiruvottiyur, Chennai - 600 019.

..Petitioner/
Wife of detenu

Vs

1. The Secretary to the Government,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Home Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Commissioner of Police,
Greater Chennai,
Office of the Commissioner of Police,
(Goondas Section),
Vepery, Chennai - 600 007.
3. The Inspector of Police,
(Law and Order),
K-8, Arumbakkam Police Station,
Chennai.



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4. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Puzhal,
Chennai - 600 066.

...Respondents

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Habeas Corpus, calling for the entire records connected with the order of the 2nd respondent herein in Memo No.747/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025 dated 04.10.2025 passed against the petitioner's husband the detenu namely Arumugam son of Subramani, aged about 40 yeas, who is confined at Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai and set aside the same, consequently, directing the respondents herein to produce the body and person of the detenu before this Court and set him at liberty.

For Petitioner: Mr.D.Magesh

For Respondents: Mr.C.R.Malarvannan
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu
(Criminal Side)

ORDER

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

The wife of the detenu – Arumugam, S/o.Subramani, aged 40 years, has filed this petition challenging the detention order dated 04.10.2025, branding him as 'Goonda' under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Preventive Detention Act, 1982 (Act 14/1982).



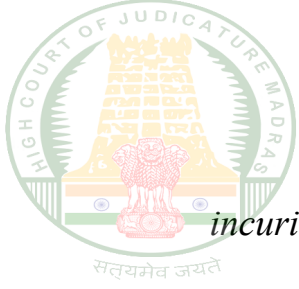
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2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned counsel for the Government of Tamil Nadu (Criminal Side) for the respondents.

3. Though several grounds have been raised, we are of the view that the detention order is liable to be quashed on the ground that the satisfaction of the detaining authority as regards the real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail suffers from non-application of mind.

4. The detaining authority has relied upon a statement said to have been made by the wife of the detenu, under Section 180(3) of the BNSS that she is taking steps to file a bail application.

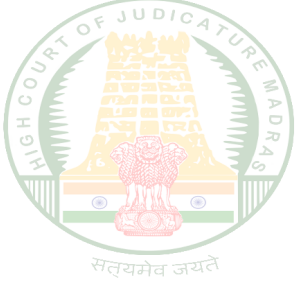
5. On 03.03.2026, in HCP Nos. 2129, 2179 and 2340 of 2025, we had held that the unsigned statement cannot be relied upon to infer that the detenu is likely to file bail application. We had reiterated and clarified this view in a subsequent case, i.e., HCP No.2356 of 2025 dated 22.06.2026, after we were informed that our view was held to be *per*



incuriam by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in HCP (MD) N0.369 of 2026 dated 19.06.2026. We have held that only a signed statement of a relative can be relied upon by the detaining authority to satisfy himself as regards the possibility of the detenu filing a bail application and that a Section 180(3) of BNSS statement cannot be the basis for such a satisfaction.

6. Therefore, the reliance placed on the said statement recorded under Section 180(3) of BNSS, by the detaining authority to arrive at the satisfaction that there is a real possibility of the detenu coming out on bail is misconceived. Thus, the inference that the detention is warranted since the detenu is likely to indulge in further criminal activities after his release on bail is based on the said wrong premise. Hence, the detention order is liable to be quashed.

7. In light of the aforesaid discussion, this Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the Detention Order passed by the second respondent in No.747/BBCDEFGISSSV/2025 dated 04.10.2025, is set aside.



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8. The detenu, viz., Arumugam, S/o.Subramani, aged 40 years, who is now confined in Central Prison, Puzhal, Chennai, is hereby directed to be set at liberty forthwith unless his presence is required in connection with any other case.

(A.S.M.,J.) (S.M.,J.)
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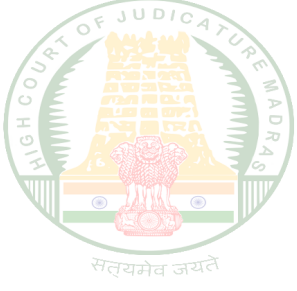
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5. The Joint Secretary,
Law and Order Department,
Secretariat, Chennai
6. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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