



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 01.06.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN

H.C.P.(MD)No.580 of 2026

Mahalakshmi

.. Petitioner / Wife of the detenu

Vs.

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by the Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai -9.

2.The District Magistrate and District Collector,
O/o.The District Magistrate and District Collector,
Dindigul District.

3.The Superintendent of Prison,
Madurai Central Prison,
Madurai District.

.. Respondents

Prayer :Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Habeas Corpus, to call for the entire records connected with the detention order of the Respondent No.2 in Detention Order No.68/2025 dated 11.11.2025 and quash the same and direct the respondents to produce



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the detenu by name Yuvaraj @ Yuvarajkumar, S/o.Kannan, aged 31 years, now confining at Madurai Central Prison, before this Court and set him at liberty forthwith.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Alagumani
For Respondents : Mr.G.Karuppasamy Pandian
Counsel for State of TN (crl.side)

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by N. ANAND VENKATESH,J.)

The petitioner is the wife of the detenu, by name, Yuvaraj @ Yuvarajkumar, S/o. Kannan, aged 31 years. The detenu has been detained by the second respondent by his order in Detention Order No.68/2025 dated 11.11.2025, holding him to be a "Goonda", as contemplated under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982. The said order is under challenge in this Habeas Corpus Petition.

2. We have heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents. We have also perused the records produced by the Detaining Authority.



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3. Apart from the other grounds that were raised by the learned counsel for the petitioner, one of the main ground that was raised is that the Detaining Authority was aware of the fact that the bail petition filed by the detainee was rejected and in spite of the same, the Detaining Authority took into consideration an order passed in CrI.M.P.No.2236 of 2023, dated 20.06.2023 and came to the conclusion that in a similar case, bail has been granted and therefore, there is a likelihood of the detainee being let out on bail. The learned counsel submitted that the order that was relied upon by the Detaining Authority does not arise out of a similar case and therefore, the detention order suffers from non-application of mind.

4. In the case in hand, the detainee had three adverse cases apart from the ground case. The ground case was for various offences under BNS, 2023, Section 25(1) of the Arms Act, 1959 and Section 3(1) of the TNPPDL Act. In the bail order that was relied upon by the Detaining Authority as a similar case, it did not cover an offence under the TNPPDL Act. Apart from that, bail was granted on the ground that the investigation had been completed and the charge sheet had been filed. In the case in hand, the investigation was pending. Hence, the order that was relied upon by the



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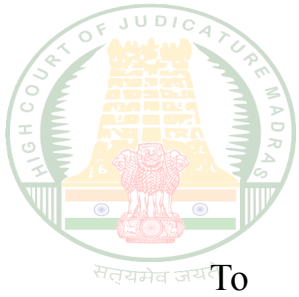
Detaining Authority does not arise out of a similar case and consequently, the detention order suffers from non-application of mind.

5. In the result, the Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the order of detention in No.68/2025, dated 11.11.2025, passed by the second respondent is set aside. The detenu, viz., Yuvaraj @ Yuvarajkumar, S/o. Kannan, aged 31 years, is directed to be released forthwith unless his detention is required in connection with any other case.

(N.A.V.,J..) (K.K.R.K.,J.)
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