



HCP No. 430 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

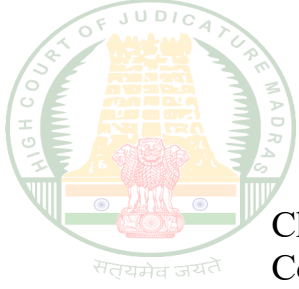
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Manda Mangayamma
W/o.Rajubabu,
Gandhi Bomma Veedi,
Rajavommangi,
East Godavari District,
Andhra Pradesh State.
Aadhar Card: 9580 4738 4315

...Petitioner/Mother of
the Detenu

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
represented by the Principal Secretary to
Government,
Home, Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The District Collector and District Magistrate,
Coimbatore District.
3. The Superintendent of Police,
Coimbatore - 641 018.
4. The Superintendent of Prison,
Central Prison,
Coimbatore,
Coimbatore District.
5. The Inspector of Police,



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Chettipalayam Police Station,
Coimbatore District.

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...Respondents

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Habeas Corpus, calling for the entire records in connection with the detention order passed in Cr.M.P.No.42/D.O/2025 dated 13.10.2025 on the file of the 2nd respondent herein and set aside the same as illegal; and further direct the respondents to produce the body or person of the petitioner's son, namely Thiru.Manda Veerababu, aged 21, son of Rajubabu, who is detained in Central Prison, Coimbatore before this Court and set him at liberty.

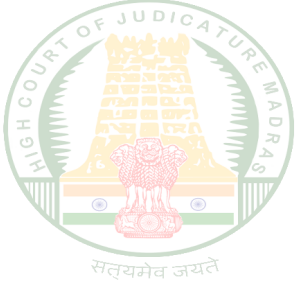
For Petitioner: Ms.R.Pushpalatha
for
Mr.P.Kalimuthu

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 mother of the detenu – Manda Veerababu, aged 21 years, S/o.Rajubabu, has filed this petition challenging the detention order dated 13.10.2025, branding him as a 'Drug Offender' under Section 2(e) of the Tamil Nadu Preventive Detention Act, 1982 (Act 14/1982).



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2. We have heard learned counsel for petitioner and learned counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu (Crl.Side) for respondents.

3. From the submissions and perusal of the records, it is seen that the booklet containing relevant documents that has been relied upon by the detaining authority has not been furnished to the detenu in Telugu. Admittedly, the detenu is acquainted only with Telugu. In fact, the detention order and the grounds of detention were supplied to the detenu in Telugu which confirms that the detenu is only acquainted with Telugu. It is well settled that if the relied upon documents are not furnished in the language known to the detenu, his right to make effective representation would be denied. In '*Powanammal Vs. State of Tamil Nadu*' reported in '*(1999) 2 SCC 413*', the Hon'ble Supreme Court had held that non-supply of relevant documents in the language known to the detenu renders the detenu's detention illegal.



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4. Accordingly, this Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the Detention Order passed by the second respondent in Detention Order Cr.M.P.No.42/D.O/2025 dated 13.10.2025 is set aside.

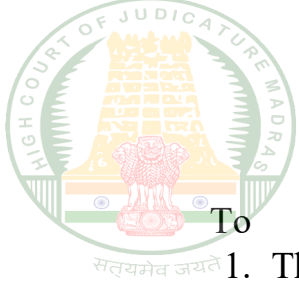
5. The detenu, viz., Manda Veerababu, aged 21 years, S/o.Rajubabu, now confined in Central Prison, Coimbatore, is directed to be set at liberty forthwith, unless his presence is required in connection with any other case.

(A.S.M.,J.) (S.M.,J.)
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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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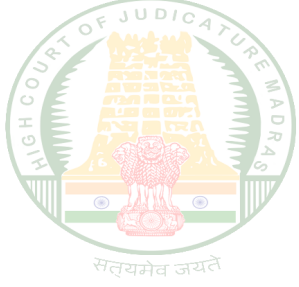
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6. The Joint Secretary,
Law and Order Department,
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.
7. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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