



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

HCP No. 653 of 2026

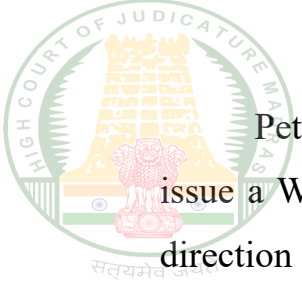
S.Meiarasu
S/o.Senthilkumar,
No.117, Banu Illam,
Ammankulam, Pappanayakkanpalayam,
Coimbatore. Now at
Thillai Nagar, Vadavalli,
Coimbatore.
Now detained at
TPDA Prisoner,
Central Prison, Coimbatore.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. State Rep by,
The Secretary to Government, Home,
Prohibition and Excise Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009
2. The Commissioner of Police,
Detaining Authority,
Coimbatore City.
3. The Superintendent
Central Prison, Coimbatore.
4. The Inspector of Police,
D-1, Ramanathapuram Police Station,
Investigation Wing,
Coimbatore District.

..Respondent(s)



Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS, or any other appropriate writ, order or direction in the nature of a writ, calling for the records in C.No.182/G/IS/2025 passed by the 2nd respondent dated on 13.11.2025 and set aside the same and directing the respondents to produce the Detenu viz., S.Meiarasu, S/o.Senthilkumar, aged about 22 years who is now detained in Central Prison, Coimbatore before this Honourable Court and set the detenu at liberty forthwith and pass appropriate orders and thus render justice.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Ganesh

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

ORDER

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

One S.Meiarasu (detenu), S/o. Senthilkumar, who was detained as a 'Goonda' under Section 2(f) of the Tamil Nadu Act 14 of 1982 (in short 'Act') has approached this Court challenging the order of detention dated 13.11.2025.

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

3. Several grounds have been raised on behalf of the petitioner and we find that this HCP is to be allowed on the following grounds.

4.The subjective satisfaction of the detaining authority is really no subjective satisfaction at all for two reasons. Firstly, the bail application filed



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by the detenu has been dismissed on 31.10.2025 and admittedly no bail application has been filed thereafter. Despite this, referring to a statement avowedly recorded from mother of the detenu, the authority goes on to state that he believes that the detenu would be enlarged on bail for which there is no basis at all. However, there is, admittedly, no statement that has been recorded from the mother of the detenu and hence, apart from being erroneous, the subjective satisfaction of the authority is also vitiated.

5.Hence, this Habeas Corpus Petition is allowed and the Detention Order passed by the second respondent in C.No.182/G/IS/2025 dated 13.11.2025 is set aside.

6.The detenu, viz., S.Meiarasu, S/o. Senthilkumar, male aged 22 years, 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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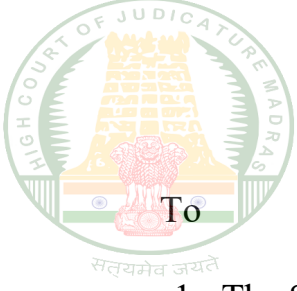
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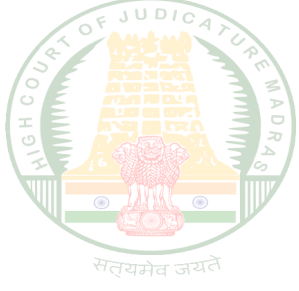
Neutral Citation: Yes

Note to Registry: Issue Today.



To

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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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