

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION No. 23136 of 2005****For Approval and Signature:****HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.M.MEHTA**

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1 Whether Reporters of Local Papers may be allowed
to see the judgment ?

2 To be referred to the Reporter or not ?

3 Whether their Lordships wish to see the fair copy
of the judgment ?

Whether this case involves a substantial question
of law as to the interpretation of the
4 constitution of India, 1950 or any order made
thereunder ?

5 Whether it is to be circulated to the civil judge
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MOHAMMED MUKTYARKHAN MOHAMMAD SIRAJUDDINKHAN PATHAN - Petitioner(s)
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT & 2 - Respondent(s)

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Appearance :

THROUGH JAIL for Petitioner(s) : 1,
GOVERNMENT PLEADER for Respondent(s) : 1 - 3.

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CORAM : HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.M.MEHTA**Date : 29/12/2005****ORAL JUDGMENT**

1. Mohammed Muktyarkhan Mohammad-detenu through
jail has filed this habeas corpus petition under
Article 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India

challenging order of detention dated 15.09.2005 passed by Police Commissioner, Surat city under the provisions of the Gujarat Prevention of Anti-social Activities Act, 1985 (for short 'PASA Act') which is illegal, null, void and also violative of Article 14, 19, 21 and 22 of the Constitution of India. By way of this petition, detenu has moved this Court on 28.11.2005 and as per the order of the Hon'ble Chief Justice matter has been placed before this Court on 02.12.2005 and RULE was issued which was made returnable on 19.12.2005 and that is why this matter has come up before this Court for hearing and final disposal.

2. As the grounds of detention two criminal cases have been shown as registered against the petitioner detenu. First offence is registered as being C.R. No.165/05 at Athwa police station dated 22.08.2005 punishable under the provisions of Section 379 and 114 of the Indian Penal Code. In connection with that case it was alleged that detenu committed theft of on Truck valued at Rs.1,50,000/-. Second

offence is registered as being C.R. No.167/05 at Athwa police station dated 09.08.2005 punishable under the provisions of Section 379 and 114 of the Indian Penal Code. In connection with that case it was alleged that detenu committed theft of two truck tyres along with one stepny valued at Rs.15,000/-.

3. In the order of detention it was stated that the petitioner-detenu is carrying on anti-social activities and on the basis of two offences registered against the petitioner-detenu he was termed as 'Dangerous Person' within the meaning of Section 2(c) of the PASA Act. It was also stated that as said anti-social activities of the detenu are dangerous and affecting maintenance of 'public order' and 'public health', order of detention has been passed.

4. It was stated in the petition that on the basis of two criminal cases registered against the petitioner-detenu, he cannot be termed as 'Dangerous Person'. In support of this petitioner-detenu has

placed reliance on the judgment of the apex Court in the case of Piyush Kantilal Mehta Vs. Commissioner of Police, Ahmedabad City & Another reported in AIR 1989 SC 491. Learned Advocate for the petitioner has also placed reliance on Division Bench judgment of this Court in L.P.A. No.1139 of 1999 (Coram: Acting C.J., C.K. Thakkar & K.M. Mehta, J.) decided on 04.10.1999 in the case of Ashokbhai Jivraj @ Jivabhai Solanki Vs. Police Commissioner, Surat & Others reported in 2000 (1) GLH 393. He has also placed reliance on the judgment of this Court (Coram: H.K. Rathod, J.) in the case of Naresh alias Lalo Babubhai Vs. State of Gujarat and Others reported in 2002(1) GLH 528.

5. Heard, Mr. Pujari, learned A.G.P. for respondent-detaining authority and he has tried to defend the order of detention as well as grounds stated therein.

6. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the view that in this case only material remains is two

criminal cases registered against the detenu and on the basis of that it cannot be said that activity of the detenu has become a threat to the maintenance of 'public order' and 'public health'.

7. After perusal of the record, I am of the view that the detaining authority has passed the order of detention without there being any credible or cogent material on record in this behalf. I have also considered factual and legal aspects emerging from the record of the petition and considered the rival submissions and the facts of the case and also judgment of the apex Court in the case of Piyush Kantilal Mehta(Supra) and also Division Bench judgment of this Court in the case of Ashokbhai Jivraj(Supra) and another judgment of this Court in the case of Naresh alias Lalo Babubhai(Supra). In view of the facts and circumstances of the present case and also ratio laid down in the cases mentioned above, the order of detention cannot be sustained and deserves to be quashed and set aside.

8. In the result, this petition is allowed and order of detention dated 15.09.2005 passed by Police Commissioner, Surat city is hereby quashed and set aside. Mohammed Muktyarkhan Mohmmad-detenu is, therefore, ordered to be set at liberty forthwith if he is not required in connection with any other case by the authority. Rule is made absolute to the aforesaid extent with no order as to costs. Direct service is permitted.

(K.M.MEHTA,J.)

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