

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.VINOD CHANDRAN

THURSDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF AUGUST 2015/15TH SRAVANA, 1937

WP(C).No. 23873 of 2015 (H)

PETITIONER :

**MUHAMMED SHAFI,
S/O. ISMAIL, CHAKKATHODI VEEDU, MONGAM,
MORAYUR, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.**

BY ADV. SRI.BABU S. NAIR

RESPONDENT(S):

- 1. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
MALAPPURAM - 676 505.**
- 2. THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER,
TIRUR, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT - 686 101.**
- 3. THE VILLAGE OFFICER,
NEDIYIRIPPU VILLAGE, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT - 673 638.**

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SMT. C.K.SHERIN

**THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION
ON 06-08-2015, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:**

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER(S)' EXHIBITS

P1 - TRUE COPY OF THE SEIZURE MAHAZAR PREPARED BY THE 3RD
RESPONDENT DT. 01.8.2015.

RESPONDENT(S)' EXHIBITS:

NIL

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P.A.TO JUDGE

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K. VINOD CHANDRAN, J

W.P(C) No. 23873 of 2015

Dated this the 06th day of August, 2015

J U D G M E N T

The writ petition is filed, aggrieved with the seizure of a Mini Lorry bearing registration No. KL 10 AJ/8898, alleging offence under Section 20 of the Kerala Conservation of Paddy Land and Wet Land Act, 2008 (for short "Paddy Land Act" Only). The petitioner seeks expeditious adjudication of the proceedings.

2. The provisions of seizure and release of vehicle has to concede to Section 20 of the Paddy Land Act. The power is conferred on the Collector to initiate confiscation proceedings and there is also a provision by which the Collector can release the vehicle on interim custody after taking 1½ times of the value of the vehicle.

3. In such circumstance, the 3rd respondent shall transmit the files relating to seizure of the vehicle to the 1st respondent within one week from the date of receipt of a certified

copy of this judgment and the 1st respondent shall issue notice of hearing to the petitioner and complete the adjudication process, at any rate, within a period of three months thereafter.

Writ petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

(K. VINOD CHANDRAN, JUDGE)

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P.A to Judge