

**The Hon'ble Sri Justice C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy**

**Writ Petition No.42176 of 2015**

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**Date: 29.12.2015**

**Between:**

Venugopal Goud

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**Petitioner**

**and**

The State of Telangana,  
represented by its Principal Secretary,  
Home Department,  
Hyderabad and 3 others

**.. Respondents**

**Counsel for the petitioner:      Mr.K.Laxmaiah**  
**for Mr.V.Brahmaiah**  
**Chowdary**

**Counsel for respondent Nos.1 & 2: AGP for Home (TS)**

**Counsel for respondent No.3:              AGP for Mines &**  
**Geology (TS)**

**Counsel for respondent No.4:              AGP for Revenue (TS)**

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**The Court made the following:**

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**Order:**

This Writ Petition is filed for a Mandamus to declare the action of respondent No.2 in seizing the petitioner's goods carriage (Lorry) bearing registration No.AP 22 TA 3892, on the ground that the same was used for illegal transportation of sand, as illegal and arbitrary. The petitioner sought for a consequential direction to the respondents to release the seized vehicle.

The petitioner pleaded that he has made an application, dated 16.12.2015, to respondent No.2, who is the competent authority, for release of the seized vehicle. The petitioner's grievance is that no action has been taken by respondent No.2 on his application so far.

At the hearing, it is submitted by the learned Counsel for both parties that as per G.O.Ms.No.3, Industries & Commerce (Mines-I) Department, dated 08.01.2015, as amended by G.O.Ms.No.15, Industries & Commerce (Mines-I) Department,

dated 19.02.2015, respondent No.2, who is stated to have seized the vehicle, is competent to release the same.

Since the petitioner has already submitted his application for release of the seized vehicle before respondent No.2 on 16.12.2015, the latter is directed to consider the same, if received, and pass appropriate order thereon as per the aforementioned G.Os., within a period of one week from the date of receipt of this order.

Subject to the above directions, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

As a sequel to disposal of the Writ Petition, W.P.M.P.No.54390 of 2015, filed by the petitioner for interim relief, is disposed of as infructuous.

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**(C.V.Nagarjuna Reddy, J)**

**Dt: 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**  
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