

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE A.RAJASHEKER REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.3087 OF 2015

ORDER :

This petition is filed for a writ of *Mandamus* declaring the action of the respondents 4 to 7 in seizing the petitioners' vehicles bearing Nos.AP 28V 9418, aP 23 V 8679-Goods Carriage and TS 07 ED 3341 – AP 28 DU 2927 – Tractor and Trailer, without following any procedure under statutes contemplated under Section 9 Q, Sub Section 7 of the A.P.Minor Mineral Concession Rules 1966, as illegal and arbitrary and against the principles of natural justice and for a consequential direction to the respondents to give interim custody of the said vehicles to the petitioners forthwith.

The case of the petitioners' is that their vehicles were seized on 06.02.2015 by the respondent authorities on the ground that they are illegally transporting the sand, but till today the seized vehicles were not produced before the competent Court of law, as such, he approached this Court by filing the present writ petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the *lis* in the writ petition is squarely covered by the order dated 02.02.2015, passed by this Court in WP.No.1177 of 2015 and the same is not disputed by the learned Assistant Government Pleader for Mines and Geology.

Recording the above said submission, the writ petition is disposed of in terms of the order dated 02.02.2015 passed by this Court in WP.No.1177 of 2015, directing the respondent authorities/concerned Officer, either to immediately take steps in compliance of sub-rule (1) of Rule 13(3) of the Telangana State

Sand mining Rules, 2015, by preparing seizure report and produce the vehicles before the Competent Court to enable the petitioners to file an application under Section 451 Cr.P.C for release of their vehicles, whereupon the competent Court shall pass orders in accordance with law; or, if for any reason the Officer fails to produce the vehicles before the Competent court, petitioners are permitted to submit an application to the concerned Officer seeking release of their vehicles. Upon receipt of the said application, the Officer concerned shall consider the same and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of two weeks there from for release of the vehicles, by seeking sufficient security and imposing condition of production of vehicles as and when required. No order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in the writ petition, shall stand closed.

A.RAJASHEKER REDDY, J

19.02.2015

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