

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

WRIT PETITION No.41750 OF 2016

ORDER:

The writ petition is filed by the petitioner seeking a writ of mandamus declaring the action of the second respondent in not releasing the petitioner's vehicle i.e., Tata-407 Mini Van bearing Registration No.AP 31 TG 3701 seized in crime No.58 of 2016 in spite of petitioner's readiness to furnish the third party surety as illegal and arbitrary, and consequently to direct the second respondent to release the above said vehicle.

Heard and perused the material.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there is no provision in the Excise Act for return of the property, once seized in the crime, either by the trial Court or by the second respondent and as such, he approaches this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

Considering the facts and circumstances, it is directed that the vehicle i.e., Tata-407 Mini Van bearing Registration No.AP 31 TG 3701 shall be released to the petitioner for interim custody, subject to final orders to be passed in the main case, on his executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) with one surety for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, and subject to production of all the documents relating to the vehicle in question. The petitioner shall also give an undertaking not to sell, alter or alienate the said vehicle and produce the same as and when directed by the trial Court. However, this Order does not preclude the authorities concerned from proceeding with the confiscation proceedings.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. Consequently, miscellaneous petitions, if any shall also stand disposed of.

JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

01.12.2016
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