

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA KODANDA RAM

WRIT PETITION No.9554 OF 2016

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed for a mandamus to declare the action of respondents in not releasing the petitioner's vehicles bearing Registration Nos. A.P 22 M 9398, A.P. 22 R 1046, as illegal and arbitrary.

The petitioner pleaded that he is the owner of the above-mentioned vehicles, that on 18.03.2016, the said vehicles were seized. The petitioner further averred that as the alleged violation is of first instance, he is entitled to get the seized vehicles released by paying the prescribed penalty in terms of G.O.Ms.No.15, Industries and Commerce (Mines-I) Department, dated 19.02.2015 and that in spite of the representation, dated 19.03.2016, made to respondent No.2 for release of the vehicles, no order has been passed thereon.

Inasmuch as respondent No.2 is also authorised to release the seized vehicles in terms of G.O.Ms.No.15, dated 19.02.2015, I find it appropriate that the petitioners make the applications before him as he is the one who has seized the petitioners' vehicles and is evidently in custody of the same. Hence, the petitioners are permitted to make the applications to respondent No.2 for release of the seized vehicles. Within three days of receipt of such applications, respondent No.2 shall consider, take appropriate decision thereon and communicate the same to the petitioners.

Subject to the above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

As a sequel to disposal of the writ petition, WP.M.Ps if any pending shall stand disposed of as infructuous.

CHALLA KODANDA RAM, J

Dated:23.03.2016

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