



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 26.07.2017

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.MAHADEVAN

W.P. (MD)No.13869 of 2017

K.Arumugam

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector  
Dindigul District.

2.The Sub Collector  
Palani, Dindigul District.

3.The Tahsildar  
Palani Taluk, Dindigul District.

...Respondents

PRAYER:Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents more particularly the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent to release petitioner's Lorry bearing Registration No.TN-32-AX-2338 seized on 23.07.2017 by the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Venkatesh  
For Respondents : Mr.J.Gunaseelan Muthiah,  
Government Advocate

#### ORDER

The petitioner seeks for a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to release petitioner's Lorry bearing Registration No.TN-32-AX-2338 seized by the second respondent on 23.07.2017.

2.According to the petitioner, even though the petitioner has plied the said vehicle with all relevant documents, the respondents seized the vehicle.

3.On the other hand, it is submitted by the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents that the vehicle was seized as it was plying without valid papers including registration certificate book and transport permit for transporting river sand.

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4. In any event, as the vehicle is under the custody of the second respondent having been seized on 23.07.2017 and



considering the fact that if the same is allowed to be kept idle by exposing the same to sun and rain, it would certainly diminish its value. Therefore, pending proceedings before the first respondent, this Court is of the view that the vehicle can be released by imposing conditions on the petitioner for release of the said vehicle.

5. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to release the vehicle in question to the petitioner within a period of 7 days subject to the following conditions:

"(i) The petitioner shall produce documents before the second respondent to establish the ownership of the vehicle in question;

(ii) The petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) before the first respondent herein;

(iii) The petitioner shall give an undertaking that he will not use the vehicle for any illegal activities in future and shall produce the same as and when required by the respondents;

(iv) On doing so, the vehicle in question shall be returned to the petitioner; and

(v) The petitioner shall not alienate the vehicle in question till the disposal of the proceedings before the authority concerned."

6. This Writ petition is ordered accordingly. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (Records)

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Sub Assistant Registrar.

To

1. The District Collector, Dindigul District.

2. The Sub Collector, Palani, Dindigul District.

3. The Tahsildar, Palani Taluk, Dindigul District.

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