

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE M.SEETHARAMA MURTI

WRIT PETITION No.40883 of 2017

ORDER:

This Writ petition is filed seeking the following relief:

‘...to issue writ, order or direction especially one in the Nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the respondents 2 and 3 in not releasing the petitioners vehicles bearing Nos.AP 36 AA 5877 and TS OS UA 4645 inspite of the petitioners offering to pay the penalty as contemplated under GO Ms 15 dt.19.02.2015 is illegal, arbitrary and violative of Article 19 (1)(g) of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the 2nd & 3rd respondents to release the petitioners vehicles by collecting penalty as per GO Ms No.15 and pass such other order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice.”

2. I have heard the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioners and of learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing for the respondents. I have perused material record.

3. Learned counsel appearing for both sides would submit that in matters of identical nature, this Court is releasing vehicles after imposing certain terms.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners placed on record a copy of the order, dated 06.11.2017, of this Court in W.P.No.37009 of 2017 and requested for release of the subject vehicles on the same lines.

5. The learned Assistant Government Pleader would only submit a crime has been registered pursuant to the seizure of the vehicles. However, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the seizure of the vehicles is not reported to the Court.

6. Accepting the said statement and following the decision of this Court in the earlier writ petition, this Writ Petition is disposed of in terms of the said decision with the following directions:

“The petitioners are directed to submit applications for release of the vehicles before the competent authority and the competent

authority, within three (03) days from the date of receipt of such applications, examine whether the vehicles are used in committing the offence for the first and second time and if so, consider directing release of the vehicles on payment of the prescribed penalty. If, on the other hand, the vehicles are found to have been used in commission of the offence for three or more times, the officer concerned shall consider directing release of the vehicles after deposit of amount in accordance with Rule-12 of G.O.Ms.No.15 dated 19.02.2015 and also on execution of bonds along with affidavits giving consent to produce the seized vehicles as and when required.”

Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed in the light of this final order. No order as to costs.

Date: 05.12.2017

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M.SEETHARAMA MURTI, J