



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 23.01.2018

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.BHARATHIDASAN

W.P.(MD) No.1253 of 2018

M.Ganesan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Pudukottai,
Pudukottai District.

2. The Inspector of Police,
Thirukokarnam Police Station,
Pudukottai District.

... Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents forthwith to release the petitioner's vehicle namely Ashokleyland Tipper Lorry bearing registration No.TN 69 AY 2500.

For Petitioner	: Mr.R.Pon Karthikeyan
For Respondents	: Mr.M.Rajarajan Government Advocate

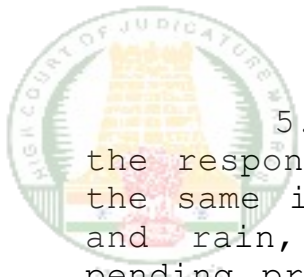
ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondents to release the petitioner's vehicle namely Ashokleyland Tipper Lorry bearing registration No.TN 69 AY 2500.

2.Heard Mr.R.Pon Karthikeyan, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr.M.Rajarajan, learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents.

3.According to the petitioner, the first respondent has seized the vehicle in question on the ground of want of valid permit and till date no order has been passed by the respondents. Hence, this writ petition has been filed.

4.On the other hand, it is submitted by the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents that the vehicle in question was used for transportation of river sand without any valid permit and hence it was seized.



5. In any event, as the vehicle is under the custody of the respondents from 18.01.2018 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 respondents, this Court is of the view that the vehicle may be released by imposing conditions on the petitioner for release of the same.

6. 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 necessary documents before the respondents to establish the ownership of the vehicle in question;

(ii) The petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only), before the first respondent;

(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;

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

(vi) The petitioner is also directed to participate in the enquiry to be conducted by the respondents."

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

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(Crl.side)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Pudukottai, Pudukottai District.

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Thirukokarnam Police Station, Pudukottai District.

+1cc to Mr.R.Pon Karthikeyan, Advocate, in SR No.43294

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