



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 13.07.2018

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P. (MD) No.15238 of 2018

C.Duraipandi

... Petitioner

vs.

1. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Paramakudi
Ramanathapuram District.

2. The Tahsildhar
Paramakudi Taluk
Ramanathapuram District.

3. The Inspector of Police
Parthibanoor Police Station
Ramanathapuram District

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of mandamus directing the first respondent to release the petitioner's vehicle of Tractor and trailer bearing registration no. TN 65 AX 8220 from the custody of the third respondent's police and to hand over the above vehicle to the petitioner by considering the petitioner's representation dated 10.07.2018 within the time limit that may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.S.Jeyakarthik

For Respondents : Mr.V.Anand
Additional Government Pleader

O R D E R

Mr.V.Anand, learned Government Advocate, takes notice for the respondent.

2. By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

3. The petitioner seeks for a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to release his vehicle, namely, Tractor and Trailer



bearing Registration No. TN 65 AX 8220, seized on 27.06.2018 by the third respondent.

4. According to the petitioner, even though his driver had plied the aforesaid vehicle with all relevant documents, the third respondent has seized the vehicle.

5. On the other hand, it is submitted by the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents that the vehicle was seized as the same was plied without valid papers, including registration certificate books and transport permit for transporting sand.

6. In any event, as the vehicle is under the custody of the respondents having been seized on 27.06.2018 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 can be released by imposing certain conditions on the petitioner for release of the aforesaid vehicle.

7. Accordingly, the first respondent is directed to release the vehicle in question to the petitioner within a period of seven days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order subject to the following conditions:

- "(i) The petitioner shall produce documents before the first respondent under whose custody the vehicle is kept, to establish the ownership of the vehicle in question;
- (ii) The petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten 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;
- (v) The petitioner shall not alienate the vehicle in question till the disposal of the proceedings before the authority concerned;
- (vi) The first respondent is directed to complete the enquiry within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order; and

The petitioner is also directed to participate in the enquiry to be conducted by the first respondent."



8. The writ petition is ordered accordingly. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To:

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+ 1 cc TO Mr.S.Jeyakarthik , Advocate in SR No. 72767
+ 1 cc TO The Special Government Pleader in SR No. 72997

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