



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED : 20.07.2018
CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.GOVINDARAJ

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W.P. (MD) No.15854 of 2018
and
W.M.P. (MD) No.14190 of 2018

S.Saroja : Petitioner

Vs.

The Regional Transport Officer,
Marthandam,
Kanyakumari District. : Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent herein to release the Maxicab Van bearing Registration No.TN 74 T 3871, seized on 13.07.2018, which is in the custody of the respondent, by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 14.07.2018.

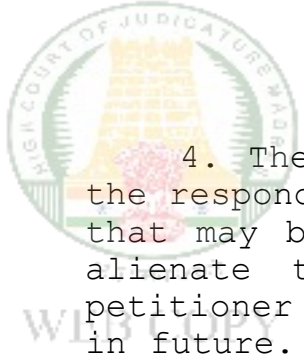
For Petitioner : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
For Respondent : Mrs.J.Padmavathi Devi,
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

The petitioner has come forward with the present Writ Petition seeking for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to release her Maxicab Van bearing Registration No.TN 74 T 3871, seized on 13.07.2018, by considering her representation dated 14.07.2018.

2. Mrs.J.Padmavathi Devi, learned Special Government Pleader, who takes notice on behalf of the respondent, would vehemently oppose the release of Maxicab Van on the ground that the petitioner has willfully violated the permit conditions.

3. The Maxicab Van belonging to the petitioner was seized by the respondent on the ground that it was plying against the permit conditions. The act of seizure cannot be faulted. But, then the question is whether it should be released or not. No purpose will be served in continuing to keep the said Maxicab Van in the custody of the respondent, since the vehicle would only lose its value by exposure in open area. That apart, this Court can take judicial notice of the fact that the parts of such detained buses go missing. Therefore, the respondent is directed to return the Maxicab Van to the petitioner immediately, in any event, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



4. The petitioner has to file an undertaking affidavit before the respondent offering to extend full co-operation with the enquiry that may be initiated by the respondent. The petitioner shall not alienate the vehicle till the conclusion of the enquiry. The petitioner shall also undertake not to violate the permit conditions in future. If the permit conditions are again violated, it would be open to the respondent to seize the vehicle in that event.

5. The Writ Petition is allowed accordingly. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar (CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

The Regional Transport Officer,
Marthandam,
Kanyakumari District.

+1CC to Mr.S.C.Herold Singh Advocate in SR.No.74059.

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