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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 30.10.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE J.NISHA BANU

W.P(MD)No.22114 of 2018

P.Arumugam

.. Petitioner

Vs.

The Regional Transport Officer,
Regional Transport - Unit Office,
Palani Road, Oddanchatram,
Dindigul District.

.. Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondent to return the petitioner's original Driving License Bearing No.TN-57-19980004065, to the petitioner forthwith.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Prakasam

For Respondent : Mr.R.Muruganathan
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

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

2. This writ petition has been filed by the petitioner for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent herein to return the original Driving Licence of the petitioner forthwith.

3. The petitioner is working as a driver in the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Ltd., Dindigul Region, Madurai Division, Palani Branch. On 18.10.2018, while he was driving a bus bearing Registration No.TN-57-N-2311, there was an accident, in which, a motorcyclist died. In this regard, a case was registered against the petitioner in Cr.No.164 of 2018 under Sections 279 and 304(A) IPC. Pending investigation, the original Driving Licence of the petitioner was seized by the Police, who, in turn, forwarded the same to the respondent. The petitioner has submitted a representation, dated 24.10.2018, to the respondent seeking return of the original driving licence. As there was no response to the same, the petitioner has come up with this writ petition.



submitted that the representation of the petitioner will be considered by the respondent forthwith.

5. In view of the above and also considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court, without going into the merits of the case, directs the respondent to consider the representation of the petitioner, dated 24.10.2018, in the light of the decision of a Division Bench of this Court in the case of **S.Murugesan v. The Licensing Authority, The Regional Transport Officer, The Regional Transport Office, Srirangam, Trichy in W.A. (MD)No.176 of 2009 dated 22.06.2009** and dispose of the same within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. This Writ Petition stands disposed of accordingly. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AE)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS-IV)

To

The Regional Transport Officer,
Regional Transport - Unit Office,
Palani Road, Oddanchatram,
Dindigul District.

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+1 CC TO The Special Government Pleader SR.NO. 93376

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