



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED 19.11.2018

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**THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE V. BHAVANI SUBBAROYAN**

W.P (MD) No.23007 of 2018

K.Nagarathinam

..Petitioner

**Vs**

1. The Sub Collector /The Revenue Divisional Officer,  
O/o.the Sub Collector,  
Pudukottai,  
Pudukottai District.

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

..Respondents

**Prayer:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondent to release the seized tipper lorry bearing Registration No. TN 63 T 5599 seized on 25.09.2018 by the respondents to the petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Saravanakumar

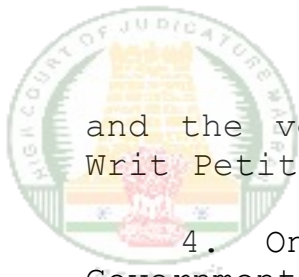
For Respondents : Mr.S.Dhayalan  
Government Advocate

**ORDER**

This writ petition has been filed seeking a writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent to release the petitioner's vehicle ie., Tipper Lorry bearing Registration No. TN 63 T 5599

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents.

3. According to the petitioner, the official respondent has seized the vehicle in question on the ground that it was involved in transportation of illegal savudu sand without any valid permit



and the vehicle is still under the police custody. Hence, this Writ Petition is filed.

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

5. In any event, as the vehicle is under the custody of the official respondent from the date of seizing 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, 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 first respondent is directed to release the vehicle in question to the petitioner within a period of 7 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order subject to the following conditions:

*"(i) The petitioner shall produce necessary documents before the first respondent 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 as non refundable deposit;*

*(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 first respondent."*

7. With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CO)

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+ 1 CC TO Mr.M.SARAVANAKUMAR, ADVOCATE IN SR No. 96022  
+ 1 CC TO SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER IN SR No. 96027

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