

HON' BLE SRI JUSTICE C. PRAVEEN KUMAR

WRIT PETITION No.39573 of 2018

ORDER:

1) The present writ petition came to be filed seeking issuance of writ of mandamus declaring the action of the respondents in seizing the Lorry bearing No. TS 25 T 1819 without following any procedure as contemplated under Section 9 Q sub-section 7 of Minor Mineral Concession Rules, as illegal, arbitrary and against the principles of natural justice.

2) At the time when the matter is taken up for hearing, the Government Pleader for Mines and Geology would submit that the seized vehicle was deposited before the Court concerned.

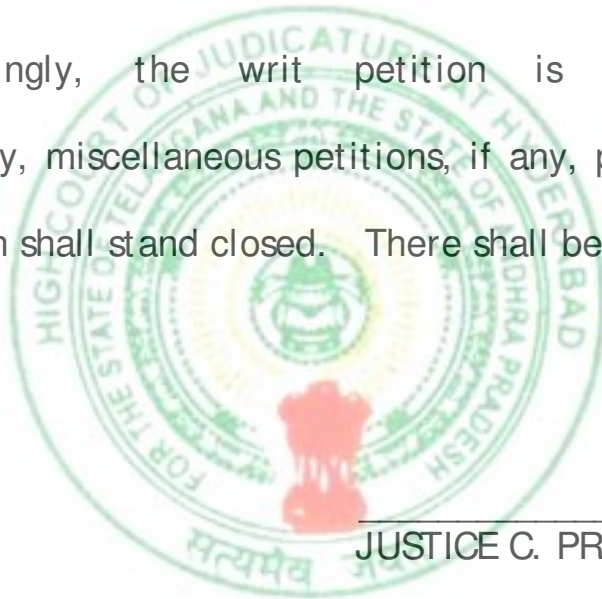
3) In view of the orders passed by this Court earlier in W.P.No.31282 of 2018, learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that since the petitioner stands on the same footing as that of the petitioner in W.P.No.31282 of 2018, subject vehicle may be directed to be released on such terms and conditions as prescribed in G.O.Ms.No.15, dated 19.02.2015.

4) It is to be noted here that in the instant case the vehicle was produced before the Court and it is now in the custody of

the Court as the Court accepted the custody of the vehicle when produced before it.

5) Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and in view of the fact that the order passed earlier in W.P.No.31821 of 2018, the petitioner shall make an application before the concerned Court seeking release of the vehicle, after giving prior notice to the concerned Public Prosecutor, in which event the same shall be disposed of on the same day, in accordance with law.

6) Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. Consequently, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this Writ Petition shall stand closed. There shall be no order as to costs.



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7) At the time when the matter is taken up for hearing, the Government Pleader for Mines and Geology, on instructions, would submit that the Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Manthani, ordered for release of the subject vehicle vide Dis.No.776, dated 01.11.2018.

8) Having regard to the above, and since an order came to be passed by the Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Manthani, ordering release of the subject vehicle on certain terms and conditions, I see no grounds to entertain the present writ petition.

9) Accordingly, the Writ Petition is dismissed. Consequently, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this Writ Petition shall stand closed. There shall be no order as to costs.



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