

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.04.2019

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SUBBIAH
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

Writ Petition No.12688 of 2019

Kumaresan
S/o.Masilamani

...Petitioner

Vs

1.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Arani Town,
Tiruvannamalai.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Kannamangalam Police Station,
Kannamangalam,
Tiruvannamalai District.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of The Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to release and return back the vehicle Tractor and Trailer bearing registration Nos.TN 25 AZ 2842 and ***TN 25 AZ 8662**, respectively to the petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr.Jawahar B.

For Respondents: Mr.J.Pothiraj
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

[Order was delivered by R.SUBBIAH,J]

Petitioner has filed the above Writ Petition praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing respondents to release the petitioner's vehicles bearing registration Nos.TN 25 AZ 2842 and ***TN 25 AZ 8662**, respectively seized by 2nd respondent on 26.12.2018.

2. Heard learned counsel for petitioner and learned Special Government Pleader for respondents.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that 2nd respondent has seized the vehicle in question on 26.12.2018 on

the ground of illegal carrying of river sand and till date, no order for release of the said vehicles have been passed by respondents. Hence, he has come forward with the present Writ Petition.

4. On the other hand, it is submitted by learned Special Government Pleader for respondents that the vehicles in question was used for illegal transportation of mines and minerals like river sand and hence, the vehicles were seized. He would further submit that petitioner has no previous case.

5. In any event, as the vehicle is under the custody of the 2nd respondent from the date of seizure and considering the fact that if the same is allowed to be kept idle by exposing the same to rain and shine, it would certainly diminish their value, this Court is of the view that the vehicles in question may be released by imposing conditions on the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to release the vehicles in question to the petitioner within a period of 7 days from the date of compliance of the below mentioned condition Nos.(i) to (iii):

- (i) Petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) before the jurisdictional Tahsildar concerned as non-refundable deposit. After receipt of the above said amount, the same will have to be deposited by the jurisdictional Tahsildar concerned, to the credit of the District Mines and Minerals Foundation Trust as non-refundable deposit.
- (ii) Petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the concerned jurisdictional Judicial Magistrate.
- (iii) Petitioner shall give an undertaking before the respondents/authority concerned stating that he will not use the vehicles in question for any illegal activities in future and shall produce the same as and when required by the respondents and also the trial Court, failing which the respondents/trial Court is/are at liberty to confiscate the vehicles.
- (iv) Petitioner shall not alienate the vehicles in question till the disposal of the proceedings before the authority concerned.
- (v) Petitioner is also directed to participate in the enquiry to be conducted by the respondents.

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

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CO)
dated: 07/05/2019

***Amended as per order of this Court,
dated 04/02/2020 in
WMP.No. 2933 of 2020 in
W.P.No. 12688 of 2019**

**Sd/- Assistant Registrar(CS III)
Dated: 21.02.2020**

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

- 1.The Revenue Divisional Officer, **To be substituted in the place
of order despatched on
10/05/2019**
Arani Town,
Tiruvannamalai.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Kannamangalam Police Station,
Kannamangalam,
Tiruvannamalai District.

+lcc to Mr.B.Jawahar, Advocate, S.R.No. 8466
+lcc to the Government Pleader, S.R.No. 9044

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