



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : **18.12.2019**

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE **T.KRISHNAVALLI**

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Crl.R.C(MD)No.894 of 2019

Kaleeswaran

... Petitioner/Accused
Owner of the Vehicle

Vs.

The Inspector of Police,
Thiruppuvanam Police Station,
Sivagangai District.
(In Crime No.262 of 2019)

... Respondent/Complainant

Prayer : This Criminal Revision has been filed under Section 397 r/w 401 of Criminal Procedure Code, to call for the records relating to the impugned order, dated 06.09.2019 made in Cr.M.P.No.2194 of 2019 on the file of the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Sivagangai and set aside the same by allowing this Revision Petition.

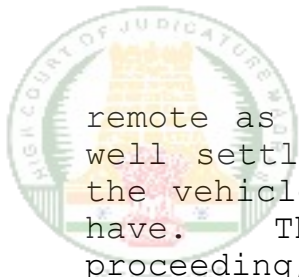
For Petitioner	: Mr.A.Mohan
For Respondent	: Mr.A.P.G.Ohm Chairma Prabhu Government Advocate (Crl.side)

O R D E R

The petitioner claims to be the owner of the Tipper Lorry, bearing Registration No.TN-63-D-1642. According to the petitioner, the alleged vehicle was seized by the respondent on 22.07.2019 in connection with a case in Crime No.262 of 2019 for the offence under Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957. Seeking return of the said vehicle, the petitioner filed a petition before the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Sivagangai, for interim custody. The learned Principal Sessions Judge, Sivagangai, by order dated 06.09.2019 has dismissed the same. Challenging the said order, the petitioner is before this Court with this petition.

2.Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

3.The only ground upon which the lower Court has dismissed the petition is that the trial is possible immediately only in this case. In all other cases, immediate prospects for trial appears



remote as they are still pending in the investigation stage. It is well settled that during the pendency of confiscation proceedings, the vehicle needs to be returned to the person, who is entitled to have. This return will have no impact on the confiscation proceeding, as the confiscation proceeding is an independent proceeding.

4. In view of the above, this Criminal Revision is allowed and the order of the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Sivagangai in Cr.M.P.No.2194 of 2019, dated 06.09.2019, is set aside and the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Sivagangai, is directed to return the vehicle to the petitioner subject to the confiscation proceedings on the following conditions:-

(a) The petitioner shall deposit the original Registration Certificate of the vehicle;

(b) The petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) to the credit of Crime No.262 of 2019 on the file of the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Sivagangai, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order;

(c) The petitioner shall not make any alteration of the vehicle;

(d) The petitioner shall produce the same before the Court as and when required until final order is passed in the confiscation proceedings.

5. The Authority under the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act may proceed with the confiscation proceedings and the petitioner shall obey any order that may be passed in the said proceeding by the authority.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (Records)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS)

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To

1.The Principal Sessions Judge,
Sivagangai.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Thiruppuvanam Police Station,
Sivagangai District.

3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

+1 CC to M/s.A.MOHAN, Advocate (SR-105939[F] dated 19/12/2019)

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