



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED: **20.12.2019**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA
W.P(MD)No.27251 of 2019

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Revenue Officer,
Kanyakumari District,
at Nagercoil.

2.The Sub-Inspector of Police,
C.S.C.I.D Police Station(Kuzhithurai),
at Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to release the vehicle bearing Registration No.KL 20 P2850 seized on 22.08.2019 in FIR No.135/2019, on the file of the second respondent, which is in the custody of the first respondent by considering the representation of the Petitioner, dated 13.11.2019 within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
For Respondents : Mr.M.Rajarajan
Government Advocate

ORDER

Mr.M.Rajarajan, learned Government Advocate takes notice for the respondents.

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

3. This Writ petition has been filed by the petitioner praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to release the vehicle bearing Registration No.KL 20 P2850 seized on 22.08.2019 in FIR No.135/2019, on the file of the second respondent, which is in the custody of the first respondent by considering the representation of the Petitioner, dated 13.11.2019 within the time stipulated by this Court.

4. According to the petitioner, even though he had plied the aforesaid vehicle with all relevant documents, the second respondent has seized the vehicle.



5. On the other hand, it is submitted by the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents that the vehicle was seized as the same was plied without valid papers for transporting 200 Litres of Kerosene.

6. In any event, as the vehicle is under the custody of the respondents having been seized on 22.08.2019 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, pending proceedings before the respondents, this Court is of the view that the vehicle can be released by imposing certain conditions on the petitioner for release of the aforesaid vehicle.

7. Accordingly, the first respondent is directed to release the vehicle in question to the petitioner within a period of seven days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order subject to the following conditions:

- "(i) The petitioner shall produce documents before the first respondent under whose custody the vehicle is kept, to establish the ownership of the vehicle in question;*
- (ii) The petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five Thousand Only) for the vehicle before the first respondent herein;*
- (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;*
- (vi) The first respondent is directed to complete the enquiry within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order; and*
- (vii) The petitioner is also directed to participate in the enquiry to be conducted by the first respondent."*



8. The writ petition is ordered accordingly. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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+1 CC to Mr.S.C.HEROLD SINGH, Advocate (SR-106210[F] dated
20/12/2019)

+1 CC to SPL.GP (SR-106513[F] dated 27/12/2019)

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