

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE P.NAVEEN RAO

WRIT PETITION NO.23059 OF 2019

Date: 23.10.2019

Between:

Shankaraiah Vajja s/o. Shekaraiah, Aged about 31 years,
Occu:Agriculture, R/o.2-120, Venkatapuram, Nidamanoor,
Nalgonda district, T.S., and two others.

.....Petitioners

and

The State of Telangana, rep.by its Prl.Secretary,
Mines & Geology Department, Secretariat Buildings,
Hyderabad and others.

.....Respondents



The Court made the following:

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ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed praying to direct the respondents to release the vehicles. Petitioners allege that their vehicles were seized by the 2nd respondent on the allegation of illegal transportation of sand.

2. Learned counsel for petitioners submits that on 02.10.2019 common representation was made by the petitioners requesting the Station House Officer, Kanagal Police Station to release the vehicles agreeing to pay the compounding fee as mandated by the Government. It appears, no orders are passed as on today. However, there is no proof of filing such representation before the Station House Officer.

3. Since there is no proof of filing of representation, it cannot be said that respondents acting illegally in not attending to grievance of petitioners. Therefore, Writ Petition is disposed of with the following directions:

Petitioners are at liberty to approach either the learned jurisdictional Magistrate before whom the vehicles may have been produced and file application as per the procedure established by law and seek release of the vehicles by bringing to the notice of the Court the policy decision taken by the Government and the terms of the G.O.Ms.No.15, Industries and Commerce (Mines-I) Department, dated 19.02.2015, if the petitioners so desire; or in the alternative they may make a request to the 2nd respondent by filing appropriate application for release of vehicles, if not already

filed and not received by the 2nd respondent; and if any such application is filed before the 2nd respondent, the 2nd respondent is at liberty to pass appropriate orders as per terms of G.O.Ms.No.15, dated 19.02.2015, after examining the competence and jurisdiction to release the vehicles, if same were produced before the Court concerned. It is needless to state that the application, if any, filed by the petitioners before either the Court or the 2nd respondent, shall be disposed of within three days from the date of filing in the interest of justice. Pending miscellaneous petitions shall stand closed.

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