

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 29.06.2020

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

Crl.O.P.No.9617 of 2020

K.Gopi

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Kandamangalam Police Station,
Villupuram District.
(Crime No.537 of 2020)

... Respondent/Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Criminal Procedure Code, to direct the respondent to assign PR number to the petitioner's TATA-Mini Van bearing Reg.No.TN-31-CA-9783 and Tractor bearing Reg.No.TN-32-AL-0072 both seized on 05.06.2020 in Crime No.537 of 2020 pending on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Nambiselvan

For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz
Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

This Criminal Original Petition has been filed for a direction directing the respondent to assign PR number to the petitioner's TATA-Mini Van bearing Reg.No.TN-31-CA-9783 and Tractor bearing Reg.No.TN-32-AL-0072 which were seized on 05.06.2020 pursuant to the Crime No.537 of 2020 registered against the petitioner.

2. The vehicles belonging to the petitioner were seized by the respondent police in Crime No.537 of 2020 for the offence under Sections 379 and 430 I.P.C r/w 21(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. Thereafter, the petitioner filed a petition for release of the vehicles under Section 451 Cr.P.C., before the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Villupuram. The petition was not entertained by the Court below and the same was returned for the

reason that no vehicle was deposited in Crime No.537 of 2020. Therefore, the present Criminal Original Petition has been filed before this Court.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondent.

4. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, the respondent is directed to deposit the TATA-Mini Van bearing Reg.No.TN-31-CA-9783 and Tractor bearing Reg.No.TN-32-AL-0072 which were seized from the petitioner pursuant to the Crime No.537 of 2020 within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. On such deposit, the petitioner is at liberty to file a fresh petition to release of his vehicles under Section 451 Cr.P.C.

With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is disposed of.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1. The Inspector of Police,
Kandamangalam Police Station,
Villupuram District.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.

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