

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.09.2020

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THE HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE P.N. PRAKASH

Crl.R.C.No.724 of 2020

Arun ... Petitioner/Petitioner/Accused

Vs.

The State,
Rep by Inspector of Police,
T.Pazhuvur Police Station
Ariyalur District.
(Crime No.05 of /2020)

... Respondent/Respondent/
Complainant

Criminal Revision filed under Section 397(1) and 401 Cr.P.C., to call for the records in Crl.M.P.No.1056 of 2020, dated 16.06.2020, on the file of the Principal Sessions Judge, Ariyalur Sessions Division, Ariyalur and set aside the same and pass further orders.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Gandhi Kumar

For Respondent : Mrs.P.Kritika Kamal
Government Advocate
(Crl. Side)

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This case is taken up through video conferencing.

2. This criminal revision has been filed seeking to set aside the order dated 16.06.2020 passed in Cr.M.P.No.1056 of 2020 on the file of the Principal Sessions Court, Ariyalur Sessions Division, Ariyalur.

3. The petitioner is the owner of the lorry (TATA make) bearing Registration No.TN-61-L-2263, which was seized on 13.01.2020, while transporting $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of sand and a case was registered in Crime No.5 of 2020 for the offence under Section 379 IPC and Section 21(1) of Mines & Minerals (Development &

Regulation) Act, 1957. The petitioner filed Crl.M.P.No.1056 of 2020 before the Principal Sessions Court, Ariyalur Sessions Division, Ariyalur, under Section 451 Cr.P.C. for interim custody of the vehicle, which was dismissed on 16.06.2020, challenging which, the petitioner has preferred the present revision petition.

4. Heard Mr.Gandhi Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mrs.P.Kritika Kamal, learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent/State.

5. It is seen that the seizure was effected on 13.01.2020, and the vehicle was in the police station open to sun and rain.

6. Taking into consideration the aforesaid facts and in view of the guidelines given by the Supreme Court in *Sunderbhai Ambalal Desai Vs. State of Gujarat* [(2002) 10 SCC 290], this Court is of the view that interests of justice will be served, if the vehicle is ordered to be released to the petitioner on certain stringent conditions. The respondent police is directed to grant interim custody of the said vehicle Lorry (TATA make) bearing Registration No.TN-61-L-2263 to the petitioner, within a period of 7 days from the date of compliance of the below mentioned condition Nos.(i) to (iii) :

(i) The petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- before the jurisdictional Tahsildar as non-refundable deposit. After receipt of the above said amount, the same will have to be deposited by the Tahsildar, to the credit of the District Mines and Minerals Foundation Trust, Ariyalur, as non-refundable deposit;

(ii) The petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- with two sureties each, for a like sum to the satisfaction of the Principal Sessions Court, Ariyalur Sessions Division, Ariyalur. The petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and give the copies of their Aadhaar Card;

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- (ii) The petitioner shall give an undertaking before the
i) respondent/ authority concerned stating that he will not use the vehicle in question for any illegal activities in future and shall produce the same as and when required by the respondent and also the trial Court, failing which the respondent/trial Court is at liberty to confiscate the vehicle;
- (iv) The petitioner shall not alienate the vehicle in
) question till the disposal of the proceedings before the authority concerned;
- (v) The petitioner shall take photograph of the vehicle and submit the same along with Compact Disc duly certified under Section 65-B of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872;
- (vi) The petitioner shall surrender the original R.C.
) book before the Principal Sessions Court, Ariyalur Sessions Division, Ariyalur, and
- (vi) The petitioner is also directed to participate in
i) the enquiry to be conducted by the respondent.

Petition relating to return of R.C. Book for any purpose in the future, may be filed before the Principal Sessions Court, Ariyalur Sessions Division, Ariyalur, who may consider the same on merits, though this order has been passed by the High Court.

This petition is allowed in the above terms and the order dated 16.05.2020 passed in Cr.M.P.No.1056 of 2020 on the file of the Principal Sessions Court, Ariyalur Sessions Division, Ariyalur, is set aside.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CCC)

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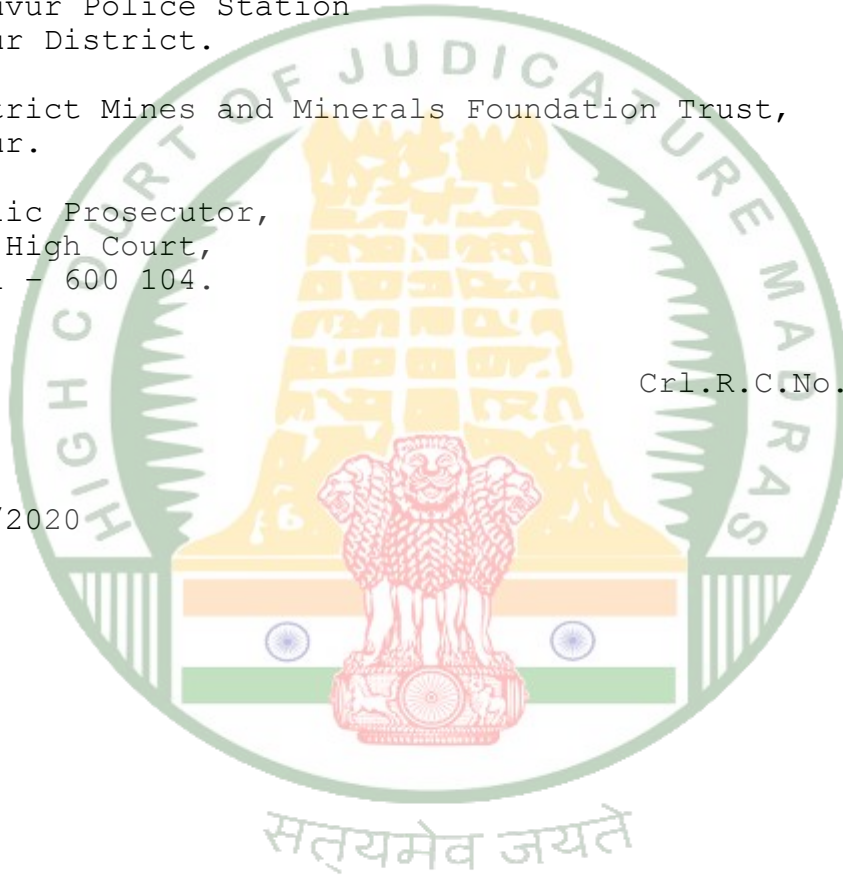
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To

- 1.The Principal Sessions Judge,
Ariyalur Sessions Division, Ariyalur,
- 2.The Tahsildar,
Ariyalur.
- 3.The Inspector of Police,
T.Pazhuvur Police Station
Ariyalur District.
- 4.The District Mines and Minerals Foundation Trust,
Ariyalur.
- 5.The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court,
Chennai - 600 104.

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