



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED : **18.02.2020**
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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.KRISHNAVALLI

Crl.R.C(MD)No.170 of 2020

Karuppuchamy ... Petitioner/Owner of the vehicle

Vs.

1.The Assistant Director,
Tamil Nadu Mines and Minerals,
Ramanathapuram.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Paramakudi,
Ramanathapuram District.

3.The Tahsildar,
Paramakudi Taluk Office.

4.The Inspector of Police,
Emaneswaram Police Station,
Ramanathapuram District.
(Crime No.155 of 2019)

... Respondents/Complainants

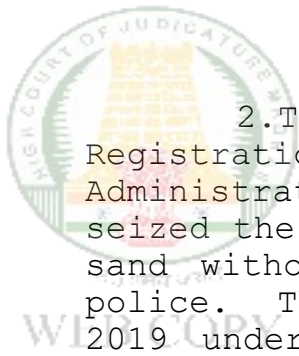
Prayer : This Criminal Revision has been filed under Section 397 r/w 401 of Criminal Procedure Code, to set aside the impugned 'conditions Nos.1, 2 & 5" made in the order dated 19.11.2019 in Crl.M.P.No.2683 of 2019 on the file of the Principal Sessions Judge, Ramanathapuram and consequently to return the petitioner's vehicle, namely JCB [Earth Moving Machine Engine No.H00007110] bearing registration No.TN-45-AT-2230 to the petitioner forthwith and to pass such further or other orders as this Court may deems fit and proper in these above facts and circumstances of the present case.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.S.Jeyakarthik

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

O R D E R

This petition has been filed to modify the 'condition Nos.1, 2 & 5" imposed by the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Ramanathapuram in the order passed in Cr.M.P.No.2683 of 2019, dated 19.11.2019.



2.The petitioner claims to be the owner of the JCB bearing Registration No.TN-45-AT-2230. On 19.07.2019, the Village Administrative Officer intercepted the vehicle of the petitioner and seized the same on the ground that it was used for carrying illegal sand without any valid permit and handed over to the respondent police. The respondent police registered a case in Crime No.155 of 2019 under Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. Subsequently, the petitioner has approached the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Ramanathapuram, by way of filing a petition in Cr.M.P.No.2683 of 2019 for release of the JCB and the learned judge has allowed the petition filed by the petitioner by its order dated 19.11.2019, by imposing the 1st condition to the effect that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- with two sureties for like sum and the 2nd condition to the effect that the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- to the credit of the District Minerals Foundation Trust, Ramanathapuram and the 5th condition to the effect that the petitioner is directed to produce the original R.C. Book at the time of furnishing sureties. Challenging the conditions imposed by the trial Court, the petitioner is before this Court with this criminal revision.

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

4.The only grievance of the petitioner is that the 1st, 2nd and 5th conditions imposed by the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Ramanathapuram are onerous.

5.In view of that, this Criminal Revision is partly allowed. The order of the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Ramanathapuram, made in Cr.M.P.No.2683 of 2019, dated 19.11.2019 is set aside in respect of the 2nd and 5th conditions alone and the 2nd condition is modified to the effect that the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.75,000/- (Rupees Seventy five thousand only) to the credit of the District Minerals Foundation Trust, Ramanathapuram and the petitioner shall produce the receipt for the deposit of the same from the concerned Authority at the time of furnishing security before the trial Court and the 5th condition is modified to the effect that the petitioner is directed to produce the certified copy of the R.C.Book at the time of furnishing sureties. In respect of other conditions, the order of the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Ramanathapuram, shall remain unaltered.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CO)

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Ramanathapuram District.
5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

+1 CC to Mr.M.S.JEYAKARTHIK, Advocate (SR-6900[F] dated
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