

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE P. KESHA RAO

WRIT PETITION No.461 of 2020

ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

2. The prayer sought for in the writ petition is as under:

“....declaring the inaction of the 3rd respondent in releasing my vehicle i.e., TATA Motors LMV Omni Bus bearing AP-20/M-3839, which was seized on 19.10.2014 along with material by the 4th respondent, despite latest representation dated 23.11.2019 submitted by the petitioner as illegal, arbitrary and violative of principles of natural justice and consequently direct the 3rd respondent to release the seized vehicle and material in favour of the petitioner without any further delay...”

3. Learned Assistant Government Pleader appearing for the respondents-Forsts informs the Court that he has instructions to report that in compliance with the procedure contemplated under Section 44 of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967 (for short, ‘the Act’), an enquiry will be conducted and appropriate orders will be passed within a period of four (4) weeks.

4. Recording the said submission, the Writ Petition is disposed of directing the respondents to comply with the procedure contemplated under Section 44 of the Act and pass appropriate orders as expeditiously as possible.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this writ petition shall stand closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

JUSTICE P. KESHAVA RAO

22nd JANUARY, 2020

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