



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 01.10.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DURAI SWAMY

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

W.P (MD)No.3724 of 2021

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Revenue Divisional Officer/Sub Collector,  
Office of the Sub Collectorate,  
Pattukottai,  
Thanjavur District.

2. The Assistant Director,  
Mines and Minerals Department,  
Office of the Assistant Director  
Mines & Minerals Department,  
Collector Office Campus,  
Thanjavur District.

3. The Inspector of Police,  
Pattukottai Taluk Police Station,  
Thanjavur District.  
(In Crime No. 81 of 2021)

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a writ of Mandamus directing the respondents herein to release of the petitioner's trailer in connection with Crime No.81 of 2021, on the file of the third respondent police within a time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Selvendran

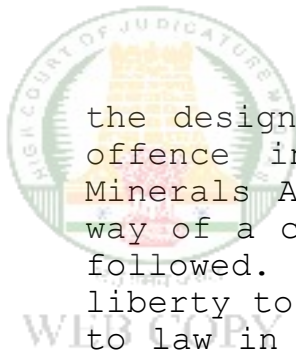
For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar  
Government Pleader

**ORDER**

(Order of this Court was made by **M.DURAI SWAMY, J.**)

The petitioner, who is claiming to be the owner of the vehicle, seeks release of the same by filing the writ petition, pursuant to his representation dated 16.02.2021.

2. This Court had already held that the remedy open to the petitioner is to approach the jurisdictional designated Court and not to invoke the extraordinary jurisdiction of this Court. This is also for the reason that the power of confiscation is available to



the designated Court. Though an F.I.R., has been registered, the offence involved would include Section 21(1) of the Mines and Minerals Act. Such a situation had already been taken note of by way of a clarification by this Court indicating the procedure to be followed. Thus, the present writ petition stands closed, giving liberty to the petitioner to work out his remedy in the manner known to law in tune with the order of the Division Bench. In the event of filing a petition before the jurisdictional designated Court, the said Court is expected to dispose of the same, on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of such an application. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (W)

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+1 CC to M/s.SPL.GP ( SR-30998[F] dated 04/10/2021 )

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