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W.P.(MD)No.3780 of 2021

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 30.03.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.M.SUNDRESH

AND

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.ANANTHI

W.P. (MD)No.3780 of 2021

(Through Video Conferencing)

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: Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Assistant Director,
Tamilnadu Mines and Minerals Department
Pudukottai District, Pudukottai.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Aranthangi, Pudukottai District.

3.The Inspector of Police
Manamelkudi Police Station,
Pudukottai District.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issue of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 3rd respondent to release the petitioner's Bullock Cart which is under the custody of the 3rd respondent in connection with Crime No.53 of 2020 dated 20.03.2020 on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 16.02.2021.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Anbarasan

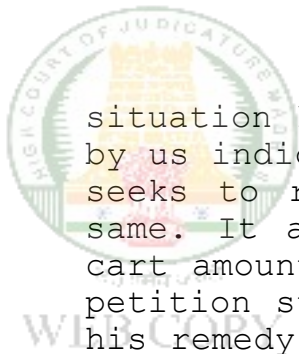
For Respondents : Mr.K.P.Krishnadoss
Special Government Pleader.

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by M.M.SUNDRESH, J.)

The petitioner, who is claiming to be the owner of the Bullock Cart, seeks release of the same by filing the writ petition in pursuant to his representation made on 16.02.2021.

2.We have already held that 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 power of confiscation is available to the designated Court. Though an FIR has been registered, the offence involved would include Section 21(1) of the Mines and Minerals Act. Such a



situation has already been taken note of by way of a clarification by us indicating the procedure to be followed. Though the petitioner seeks to release the Bullock Cart, the offence appears to be the same. It appears that the present modus operandi of using bullock cart amounts to modernized shipping of sand. 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. If any application is made by the petitioner, the same would be disposed of within two weeks from the date of receipt of such application. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS-I)

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+1 CC to M/s.SPL GP (SR-14828[F] dated 31/03/2021)

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