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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **11.03.2021**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.M.SUNDRESH

AND

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.ANANTHI

W.P.(MD)No.5123 of 2021

(Through Video Conferencing)

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: Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Ramanathapuram
Ramanathapuram District.

2.The Assistant Director,
Mines and Geology Department
Collectorate
Ramanathapuram District.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Thirupullani Police Station,
Ramanathapuram 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 respondents to release petitioner's TATA Model Tipper lorry bearing registration No.TN 65 AC 3566 seized in connection with Crime No.39 of 2021 on the file of the 3rd respondent within the time period stipulated by this Court by considering the representation dated 22.02.2021.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Boopathipandiyan

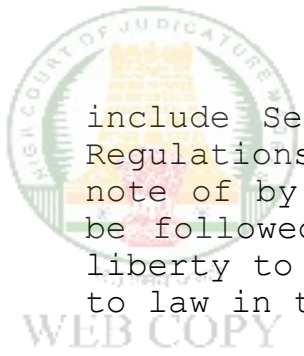
For Respondents : Mr.K.P.Krishnadoss
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

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

The petitioner, who is claiming to be the owner of the vehicle, seeks release of the same by filing the writ petition in pursuant to the his representation made on 22.02.2021.

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 (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957. Such a situation has already been taken note of by way of a clarification by us 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. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

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+1 CC to M/s.SPL GP (SR-10913[F] dated 12/03/2021)

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