



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 18.03.2021

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.M.SUNDRESH
AND
THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.ANANTHI**

W.P. (MD)No.5993 of 2021
(Through Video Conferencing)

Govindharajan @ Govindharaj : Petitioner
Vs.

1.The Sub Collector/Assistant Director,
Mines and Minerals Department,
Thanjavur District.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Revenue Division Office,
Thanjavur District

3.The Inspector of Police,
Town West Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
(Crime No.65 of 2021)

: 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 the bullock cart kept in the custody in Crime No.65 of 2021 dated 21.01.2021 on the file of the 3rd respondent police.

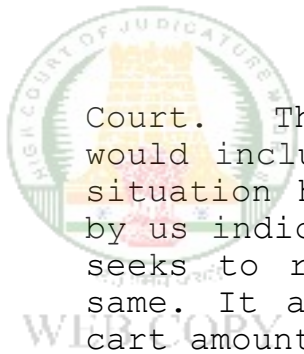
For Petitioner : Mr.J.Vijayaraja
For Respondents : Mr.K.P.Krishnadoss
Special Government Pleader

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 the his representation made on 01.03.2021.

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. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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+1 CC to M/s.SPL GP (SR-12516[F] dated 19/03/2021)

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