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W.P.(MD)No.5988 of 2021

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **17.03.2021**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.M.SUNDRESH

AND

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.ANANTHI

W.P. (MD)No.5988 of 2021

(Through Video Conferencing)

Arumugam

: Petitioner

Vs.

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

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

3.The Inspector of Police,
Town West Police Station,
Thanjavur 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 herein to release the petitioner's bullock cart kept in custody in Crime No.1802 of 2021 dated 10.12.2020 on the file of the 3rd respondent.

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 vehicle, 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. 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.

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Assistant Registrar(CS-I)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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+1 CC to M/s.SPL GP (SR-12245[F] dated 18/03/2021)

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