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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 06.08.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DURAI SWAMY

AND

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.ANANTHI

W.P(MD)No.13578 of 2021

M.Govindarasu

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Revenue Divisional Officer,  
Thanjavur Revenue Division,  
Thanjavur.

2.The Assistant Director of Mines and Minerals,  
Thanjavur District,  
Thanjavur.

3.The Inspector of Police,  
Thogur Police Station,  
Thogur,  
Thanjavur District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to release petitioner's John Deere tractor with truck, bearing registration number TN 49 BQ6715, seized on 14.06.2021 and keeping under the custody of the third respondent by considering the petitioner's representation dated 22.07.2021 .

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Krishnan

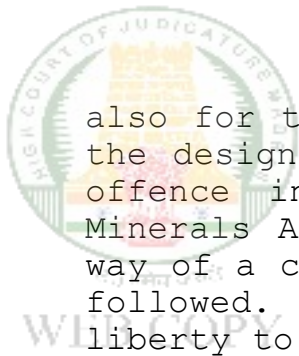
For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar  
Standing Counsel for the Government

**ORDER**

(Order of the 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 22.07.2021.

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/-

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+1 CC to M/s.SGP ( SR-25603[F] dated 09/08/2021 )

+1 CC to M/s.S.KRISHNAN, Advocate ( SR-25842[F] dated 10/08/2021 )

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