



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED :03.09.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. BHARATHIDASAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE J.NISHA BANU

W.P. (MD)No.15777 of 2021

V.Ravichandran

... Petitioner

-vs-

1. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Kovilpatti,
Thoothukudi District.

2. The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Ettayapuram Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.

3. Assistant Director (Mines & Minerals),
O/o. Assistant Director (Mines & Minerals),
Thoothukudi District.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to release the petitioner's vehicle i.e., Ashok Leyland Lorry bearing Registration No.TN69A B3800 within the time limit that may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Pandian
For Respondents: Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Advocate

O R D E R

(Order of the Court was made by V.BHARATHIDASAN,J.)

This writ petition has been filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to release the petitioner's vehicle i.e., Ashok Leyland Lorry bearing Registration No.TN69A B3800, within the time limit that may be stipulated by this Court.

2. The grievance of the petitioner is that his lorry bearing Registration No.TN69A B3800 has been seized by the respondent on the ground that the vehicle was involved in sand theft. Hence, the present writ petition has been filed.



3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents.

4. If the vehicle is seized for the illegal transportation of sand, the remedy is before the concerned Special Court seeking return of vehicle, and the petitioner cannot maintain the writ petition before this Court without resorting such remedy. Hence, the writ petition is dismissed. However, liberty is granted to the petitioner to approach the concerned Special Court by filing necessary application seeking return of vehicle, and on filing such application, the Special Court is directed to consider the same and pass orders, on merit, as expeditiously as possible. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AS)

// True Copy //

/ /2021

Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

akv

Note :

In view of the present lock down owing to COVID-19 pandemic, a web copy of the order may be utilized for official purposes, but, ensuring that the copy of the order that is presented is the correct copy, shall be the responsibility of the advocate / litigant concerned.

To

1.The Principal Judge, Tuticorin District.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer
Kovilpatti,
Thoothukudi District.

3. The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Ettayapuram Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.

4. Assistant Director (Mines & Minerals),
O/o. Assistant Director (Mines & Minerals),
Thoothukudi District.

+1 CC to M/s.SPL GP (SR-28184[F] dated 06/09/2021)

W.P. (MD) No.15777 of 2021
03.09.2021

DJ (CO)

KB(27.09.2021) 2P 6C

<https://hcservices.ecourts.gov.in/hcservices/>