



allegation that the petitioner used his vehicle for carrying PDS wheat without any valid permit and registered a case in Crime No.176 of 2021 before the second respondent and the said vehicle was parked at the office of the first respondent. Therefore, the petitioner has given a representation to the respondents to release his vehicle. Till date, the respondents have not taken any steps to release the said vehicle. Hence, the petitioner has filed the present petition before this Court seeking appropriate directions.

4.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the vehicle is now under the custody of the first respondent. If the respondents will not release the said vehicle, the value of the vehicle will be lost. The learned counsel further submitted, on instructions, that the petitioner, without prejudice to his rights, is ready to deposit an amount of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) to the credit of the crime number. Hence, this Court may issue a direction to the respondents to take necessary steps on the representation submitted by the petitioner.

5.The learned Additional Government Pleader submitted that if the petitioner is ready to deposit the value of the vehicle, i.e., Rs.50,000/-, he has no objection to release the said vehicle.

6.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader for the respondents and perused the materials placed on record.

7.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also having regard to the submissions made by the Learned counsel appearing on either side, this Court passed the following order:

i. The petitioner, without prejudice to his rights and contentions shall deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees One Fifty thousand only) to the credit of the crime number before the second respondent within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order;

ii. the petitioner shall appear in person and produce all the relevant documents proving the ownership of the vehicle for verification of the Authority;

iii. after perusing the receipt of payment and the relevant documents as stated supra and also on being satisfied with the ownership of the vehicle, the first respondent shall release the subject vehicle,



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within a period of one weeks from the date of deposit;
iv. the petitioner shall not use the said vehicle for any unlawful purpose and also shall not alienate the same during the pendency of the proceedings; and
v. it is open to the respondents to initiate proceedings in accordance with law and pass appropriate orders on merits, as expeditiously as possible.

8. With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS-III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1. The District Revenue Officer,
Salem District, Salem.
2. The Inspector of Police,
CSCID,
Salem District.
Crime No.176 of 2021

+lcc to Mr.I.C.Vasudevan, Advocate SR.No.2061

+lcc to the Government Pleader, SR.No.2265

W.P. No. 234 of 2022

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