



Crl.R.C.(MD) No.570 of 2022

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 14.07.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **K.MURALI SHANKAR**

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... Revision Petitioner/Petitioner/
Owner of the vehicle

Vs.

- 1.State rep.by its
The Inspector of Police,
Uchipuli Police Station,
In Crime No.353 of 2021,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 2.The Revenue Division Officer,
Ramanathapuram,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 3.The Assistant Director,
Geology and Mining Department,
Collectorate Complex,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 4.The Tahsildar,
Taluk Officer,
Ramanathapuram District.

... Respondents



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Prayer : This Criminal Revision has been filed under Section 397 and 401 of Criminal Procedure Code, to call for the records relating to the order passed by the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Ramanathapuram in Cr.M.P.No.855 of 2022, dated 20.04.2022 and set aside the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.Ajaykose, C.
For Respondents : Mr.K.Sanjai Gandhi,
Government Advocate (Crl. side)

ORDER

This Criminal Revision Petition is directed against the order passed by the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Ramanathapuram, in Cr.M.P.No.855 of 2022, dated 20.04.2022.

2.The petitioner claims to be the owner of the Tractor bearing Registration No.TN-65-AE-5382. On 02.08.2021, the respondent police intercepted the Tractor bearing Registration No.TN-65-AE-5382 along with trailer and seized the vehicles as the same were used for transporting of illegal sand without any valid license or permit and registered a case in Crime No.353 of 2021 for the offence under Section 379 IPC and 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation Act, 1957.



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3.It is not in dispute that the petitioner has approached the learned Principal Sessions Court, Ramanathapuram, for returning of Tractor in Cr.M.P.No.855 of 2022 and the learned Principal Sessions Judge, vide order dated 20.04.2022, has allowed the petition with certain conditions that the petitioner shall pay a sum of Rs.60,000/- as costs within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of copy of that order, by way of an individual deposit in favour of District Legal Services Authority, Ramanathapuram, who shall receive the said amount as “Environmental Fund” and make use of the said amount for the purposes mentioned in the order passed by this Court in CRP(NPD)No.1643 of 2010, dated 20.06.2018 ***D.Govindasamy Vs. L.Ganesh Naidu (Deceased) and 2 others.*** Challenging the same, the above criminal revision came to be filed before this Court.

4.Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondents.

5.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner's vehicle was never involved in any illegal activity and the respondent police



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without verifying the same has foisted the above false case. He would further submit that the petitioner's family is depending upon the income deprived from the above said vehicle on rental basis.

6.The main grievance of the petitioner is that the condition imposed by the learned Principal Sessions Judge in directing the petitioner to deposit a sum of Rs.60,000/- as non-refundable deposit, is onerous and that the value of the vehicle will be deteriorated due to the exposure to sun and rain.

7.Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case and also the facts that the petitioner is not having any previous cases for similar offence and that the petitioner's vehicle was not involved in any other case and also taking note of the fact that the condition imposed by the learned Principal Sessions Judge is onerous, this Court is inclined to modify the conditions.

8.In the result, this Criminal Revision Petition is partly allowed. The order of the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Ramanathapuram, made in Cr.M.P.No.855 of 2022, dated 20.04.2022 is modified in respect of the condition



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No.2 alone and it is modified to the effect that the petitioner shall pay a sum of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand only) as non-refundable to the credit of the Legal Services Authority, Ramanathapuram, who shall receive the said amount as “Environmental Fund” and make use of the said amount for the purposes mentioned in the order passed by this Court in CRP(NPD)No.1643 of 2010, dated 20.06.2018 ***D.Govindasamy Vs. L.Ganesh Naidu (Deceased) and 2 others***. In respect of other conditions, the order of the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Ramanathapuram, shall remain unaltered.

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- 5.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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