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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 19.02.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

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Rajesh Kannan

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Thiruvonam Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
Crime No.20 of 2025.

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Revision Petition filed under Section 438 r/w 442 BNSS, to call for the records pertaining to the order, dated 04.02.2025 made in Cr.M.P.No.178 of 2025 on the file of the learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Orathanadu and set aside the order and direct the respondent herein to grant the interim custody of the vehicle viz.Ashok Leyland Lorry bearing Reg.No.TN-48-AC-2091, which was seized by the respondent herein in Crime No.20 of 2025.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.M.Karunakaran

For Respondent : Mr.B.Thanga Aravindh,
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

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The Criminal Revision is directed against the order passed in Cr.M.P.No.178 of 2025 in Crime No.20 of 2024, on the file of the learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Orathanadu, dismissing the petition filed under Sections 497 r/w 503 (2) of BNSS.

2. The petitioner claims to be the owner of the vehicle/Ashok Leyland Lorry bearing Reg.No.TN-48-AC-2091. On 22.01.2025, the respondent police intercepted the vehicle bearing Reg.No.TN-48-AC-2091 and seized the vehicle as the same was used for transporting of jally illegally without any valid license or permit and registered a case in Crime No.20 of 2025 for the offences under Section 303(2) BNS and Section 21(1) of MMDR Act.

3. It is not in dispute that the petitioner has approached the learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate Court, Orathanadu, for returning of the said vehicle in Crl.M.P.No.178 of 2025 and the learned Judicial Magistrate, vide order dated 04.02.2025, has dismissed the petition. Aggrieved by the order of dismissal, the petitioner has now come forward with the present revision.



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

5. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner is the owner of the vehicle and that the petitioner is not having any previous cases for similar offence and that the said vehicle was not involved in any other cases.

6. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the vehicle bearing Reg.No.TN-48-AC-2091, is owned by the petitioner, that the said vehicle has no connection whatever with the alleged occurrence, that the vehicle is with the police for the past 30 days, that if the vehicle is kept in open place, the value of the said vehicle will get deteriorated and that therefore interim custody may be granted to the petitioner.



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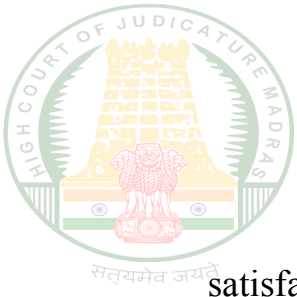
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7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that if the vehicle is kept in open place exposing to sun and rain, the value of the vehicle will be deteriorated and no purpose will be served in keeping the vehicle in custody, this Court is inclined to allow the revision.

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Revision Petition is allowed and the order, dated 04.02.2025 passed in Crl.M.P.No.178 of 2025 by the learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Orathanadu, is hereby set aside and the vehicle/Ashok Leyland Lorry bearing Reg.No.TN-48-AC-2091, is ordered to be returned to the petitioner for interim custody subject to the confiscation proceedings to be taken by the concern Department or by the Court on the following conditions:-

(a) the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)** as non-refundable deposit for the said vehicle to the credit of the District Mineral Foundation Trust, Thanjavur District;

(b) the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only)**, with two sureties for a likesum to the



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satisfaction of the learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate,
Orathanadu ;

(c) the petitioner shall deposit the original Registration Certificate
of the vehicle before the learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate,
Orathanadu ;

(d) the petitioner shall not alienate and shall not make any
alteration in the vehicle;

(e) the petitioner shall produce the vehicle before the Court and
before the respondent police as and when required;

(f) the petitioner shall give an undertaking before the
respondent/authority concerned stating that he will not use the vehicle in
question for any illegal activities in future, failing which the
respondent/trial Court is at liberty to confiscate the vehicle.

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To

- 1.The District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate,
Orathanadu.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Thiruvonam Police Station,
Thanjavur District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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