



W.P.Crl.(MD)No.193 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 17.06.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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V.Rengaraj

... Petitioner

versus

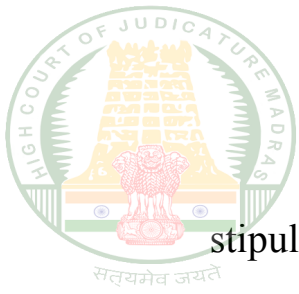
1.The Superintendent of Police,
Thoothukudi District,
Thoothukudi – 628 101.

2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Thoothukudi District (Rural),
Thoothukudi

3.The Inspector of Police,
SIPCOT Police Station,
Thoothukudi District,
Thoothukudi.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the constitution of India,
seeking for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the
respondents to release the petitioner's vehicle, Ashok Leyland Tipper
Lorry bearing Registration No.TN 72 CC 0110 based on his
representation dated 16.05.2025 within the time limit that may be



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stipulated by this Court.

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For Petitioner : MrG.Thalaimutharasu

For Respondents : Mr.E.Antony Sahaya Prabahar,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner has approached this Court seeking a direction to the respondents to release the petitioner's tipper lorry bearing Registration No.TN 72 CC 0110 based on his representation dated 16.05.2025.

2.The learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is the owner of the tipper lorry bearing Registration No. TN 72 CC 0110. The 2nd respondent police called the petitioner and directed him to handover the said vehicle that it is involved in a crime. Therefore, he has handed over the vehicle to the 3rd respondent police station. However the same has not been remanded before any court and hence, the petitioner has approached this Court with the above prayer.



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3.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent police submits that the petitioner has voluntarily surrendered the vehicle, since it had involved in a case in Crime No. 653 of 2023 on the file of the Chengamanad Police Station, Kerala. According to him the 3rd respondent police have not registered any case against the said vehicle.

4.Admittedly, no case has been registered either against the petitioner or against his vehicle by the respondent police. Therefore, the 3rd respondent police are not supposed to insist the petitioner to surrender the vehicle. In the event, if the said vehicle is involved in the aforesaid crime in Chengamanad Police Station, it is always open to the Kerala Police to secure the vehicle from the petitioner. Therefore, the 3rd respondent is directed to return the vehicle to the petitioner forthwith.



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5.This writ petition is disposed of with the above direction.

No costs.

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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