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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 23.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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P.Premkumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Palaviduthi Police Station,
Karur District.
(Crime No.45 of 2025)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Revision Case filed under Section 438 r/w 442 B.N.S.S., to call for the records pertaining to the order passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kulithalai in Crl.M.P.No. 798 / 2025 dated 08.07.2025 and set aside the same and consequently return the petitioner's vehicle Mahindra tractor bearing No.TN 47 CY 7745 and Tractor bearing No.TN 47 BW 0345, seized by the respondent police in connection to the criminal case in Crime No.45 of 2025.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Kharikharadas

For Respondent : Mr.S.S.Manoj
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

The Criminal Revision is directed against the order passed in Crl.M.P.No.798 of 2025 in Crime No.45 of 2025 dated 08.07.2025 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kulithalai, dismissing the petition filed under Section 497 of B.N.S.S.

2. The petitioner claims to be the owner of the Tractor bearing Registration No.TN 47 CY 7745 and Trailer bearing Registration No.TN 47 BW 0345. The respondent police has registered a case in Crime No.45 of 2025 for the offences under Sections 303(2) of BNS and 21(1) of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act on 03.04.2025 and seized the above said vehicle for the alleged illegal transportation of sand and the same was produced before the concerned Court and the same came to be remanded and the same is under the custody of the respondent police.

3. It is not in dispute that the petitioner has approached the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kulithalai, for returning of the said vehicle in



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Crl.M.P.No.798 of 2025 and the learned Judicial Magistrate, vide order dated 08.07.2025, has dismissed the petition. Aggrieved by the order of dismissal, the petitioner has now come forward with the present revision.

4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent.

5. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner is the owner of the vehicle and not the accused in this case.

6. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the Tractor bearing Registration No.TN 47 CY 7745 and Trailer bearing Registration No.TN 47 BW 0345 are owned by the petitioner and he was not involved in any such offence as alleged by the respondent and if the vehicle is kept in open place, the vehicle will get deteriorated and the value of the vehicle would automatically stand diminished and that therefore interim custody may be granted to the petitioner.



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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 and thereby setting aside the impugned order dated 08.07.2025 passed in Crl.M.P.No.798 of 2025, by the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kulithalai.

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Revision Case is allowed and the order dated 08.07.2025 passed in Crl.M.P.No.798 of 2025 by the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kulithalai, is hereby set aside and the vehicle/ Tractor bearing Registration No.TN 47 CY 7745 and Trailer bearing Registration No. TN 47 BW 0345, are 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:-



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- (a) the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of **Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)** as non-refundable deposit for the said vehicle to the credit of the Aishwaryam Trust, Indian Bank, Tirunagar Branch, Madurai, Account No.6639017788, IFSC Code: IDIB000T032;
- (b) the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs.1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lakh and Fifty Thousand only)**, with two sureties for a likesum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kulithalai;
- (c) the petitioner shall deposit the original Registration Certificate of the vehicle before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kulithalai;
- (d) 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;
- (e) the petitioner shall not alienate and shall not make any alteration in the vehicle;



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(f) the petitioner shall produce the vehicle before the Court on first working day of every English Calendar month until further orders.

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.I,
Kulithalai.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Palaviduthi Police Station,
Karur District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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L.VICTORIA GOWRI ,J.

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