



Crl.Rc(MD)No.432 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 05.03.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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... Petitioner /
Owner of the Vehicle

Vs.

The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by The Inspector of Police,
Samayapuram Police Station,
Trichy District.
(Crime No.52/2026)

... Respondent / Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Revision Petition is filed under Section 438 r/w 442 of BNSS, 2023, to set aside the order in Cr.M.P. No. 1344 of 2026 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No. IIII, Trichy, Trichy District.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sathyachidambaram

For Respondent : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

This Criminal Revision Petition is filed to call for the records relating to the order of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.III, Trichy,



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in Crl.M.P.No.1344 of 2026 dated 13.02.2026 filed by the petitioner under Section 497 of BNSS and set aside the same as illegal and entrust the custody of the vehicle to the petitioner and allow the above Criminal Revision Petition.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the respondent filed a FIR in Crime No.52 of 2026 for an alleged offence under Section 303(2) of BNS Act, 2023, r/w Section 21(4) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, for illegal transport of sand through Tipper Lorry bearing registration No.TN 63 AQ 0295. Subsequently, the petitioner's vehicle was seized. Thereafter, the petitioner filed Crl.M.P.No.1344 of 2026 for the return of vehicle before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.III, Trichy, and the same was dismissed on 13.02.2026.

3. The petitioner preferred this Criminal Revision Petition as against the order dated 13.02.2026 made in Crl.M.P.No.1344 of 2026 on the file of the learned judicial magistrate No.III, Trichy, and to set aside the same.



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4. Heard the learned counsels on either side and carefully perused the materials available on record.

5. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) appearing for the respondent Mr.M.Sakthikumar, submitted that if the vehicle is returned to the petitioner, there is possibility for the vehicle being used for the commission of similar offence and objected to grant interim custody of the vehicle to the petitioner.

6. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the vehicle bearing Registration No. TN 63 AQ 0295 is owned by the petitioner and she 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 therefore interim custody may be granted to the petitioner.

7. Considering 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



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Court is inclined to allow the revision and thereby setting aside the impugned order dated 13.02.2026 passed in Crl.M.P.No.1344 of 2026 by the learned Judicial Magistrate No.III, Trichy.

9. Accordingly, this Criminal Revision Case is allowed and the order dated 13.02.2026, passed in Crl.M.P.No.1344 of 2026 by the learned Judicial Magistrate No.III, Trichy, is hereby set aside and the vehicle viz., Tipper Lorry bearing registration No.TN 63 AQ 0295, 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. 40,000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand only) as non-refundable deposit for the said vehicle to the credit of WAA Cornelia Sorabjee Lecture Series (Account No: 6687756541, IFSC Code: IDIB000H040, Indian Bank, High Court Branch, Madurai);
- (b) the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs. 8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs only)**, with two



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sureties for a likesum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.III, Trichy.

(c) The petitioner shall produce the original RC Book of the vehicle before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.III, Trichy.

(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;

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

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1. The Judicial Magistrate No.III,
Trichy.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Samayapuram Police Station,
Trichy District.
3. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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