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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 17.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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Selvaraj

... Petitioner/Petitioner

Vs.

State of Tamil Nadu rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Kaliyakkavilai Police Station,
Kanyakumari District.
(Crime No.33 of 2026)

... Respondent

PRAYER : Criminal Revision Case filed under Section 438 r/w 442 B.N.S.S., to call for the records and set aside the order passed in Crl.M.P.No.246 of 2026 on the files of the Learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kuzhiturai dated 06.06.2026 in Crime No.33 of 2026 on the file of the respondent Kaliyakkavilai Police Station and to release the vehicle to the petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh

For Respondent : Mr.C.Susikumar
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)



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ORDER

The Criminal Revision is directed against the order passed in Cr.M.P.No.246 of 2026 in Crime No.33 of 2026 dated 06.06.2026 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kuzhiturai, dismissing the petition filed under Section 497 of B.N.S.S.

2. The petitioner claims to be the owner of the TATA SFC 709 Tempo bearing Registration No.TN 75 AP 4030. The respondent police has registered a case in Crime No.33 of 2026 for the offence under Section 303(2) of BNS and 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and seized the above said vehicle for the illegal transportation of river sand. Thereafter, the petitioner filed Cr.M.P.No.246 of 2026 for return of vehicle before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kuzhiturai, and the same was dismissed on 06.06.2026.

3. The petitioner preferred this Criminal Revision Petition as against the order dated 06.06.2026 made in Cr.M.P.No.246 of 2026 on the file of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kuzhiturai, and to set aside the same.



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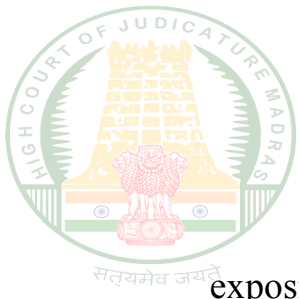
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4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent.

5. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) appearing for the respondent 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 75 AP 4030 is 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.

7. Considering the fact that if the vehicle is kept in open place



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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 06.06.2026 passed in Crl.M.P.No.246 of 2026 by the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kuzhiturai.

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Revision Case is allowed and the order dated 06.06.2026, passed in Crl.M.P.No.246 of 2026 by the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kuzhiturai, is hereby set aside and the vehicle viz., TATA SFC 709 Tempo bearing Registration No.TN 75 AP 4030, 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 to the credit of MANGAYAR MANGALAM, A/c No: 12730100005505, Egmore Branch, Chennai, IFSC code: BARB0EGMORE, an organisation contributing towards underprivileged women and children;



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- (b) the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of **Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs only)**, with two sureties for a likesum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kuzhiturai ;
- (c) The petitioner shall produce the copy of RC Book of the vehicle before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kuzhiturai . If the original RC Book is in the custody of the finance company, the petitioner shall produce a photocopy of the RC Book, along with an affidavit stating that the original is with the finance company and a letter from the finance company acknowledging such custody.
- (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 learned Trial Court once in a month i.e, on 1st Monday of every English calendar month;

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To

- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.I, Kuzhiturai.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Kaliyakkavilai Police Station,
Kanyakumari 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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