IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

FRIDAY, THE 28TH DECEMBER 2007 / 7TH POUSHA 1929

WP(C).No. 38272 of 2007(F)

PETITIONER:

FAISAL, S/O.KUNHI BAVA @ MOHAMMED KUNHI, ULIYATH HOUSE, P.O.CHEMMARAVATTOM, TIRUR, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.K.M.FIROZ

RESPONDENTS:

- 1. THE STATE OF KERALA, REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT REVENUE DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.
- 2. THE TAHSILDAR, TALUK OFFICE, TIRUR, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.
- 3. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, MALAPPURAM DISTRICT.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SMT. REMANI T.B.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 28/12/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

S.SIRI JAGAN,J

W.P.(C).No.38272 of 2007

Dated this the 28th day of December, 2007

<u>JUDGMENT</u>

Petitioner's vehicle has been detained by the respondents

on allegations of transport of sand in violation of the Kerala

Protection of River Banks and Regulation of Removal of Sand

Act, 2001. He submits that although the vehicle was seized on

24.12.2007, no final orders have been passed by the 3rd

respondent as required under the Act and Rules. He seeks

interim custody of the vehicle pending final orders by the District

Collector. I am of opinion that the District Collector should

dispose of the matter finally expeditiously.

In the above circumstances this writ petition is disposed of

directing the $3^{\rm rd}$ respondent to pass final orders pursuant to

Ext.P2 Seizure as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within 7

days from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

S.SIRI JAGAN, JUDGE

dvs