

**HONOUERABLE SRI JUSTICE M. GANGA RAO**

**Writ Petition No.9564 of 2020**

**ORDER:**

This writ petition, under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is filed by the petitioner seeking a writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent in seizing motor cycle bearing No.AP-16-DB-1134 belongs to the petitioner which was seized in Crime No.249 of 2020 on the file of Jaggaiahpet Police Station, Krishna District without following any due process of law as illegal, arbitrary and contrary to the procedure established by law and consequently to direct the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent to release the above vehicle forthwith.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

The petitioner approached this Court straight away without approaching the competent authority, at the first instance.

In the facts and circumstances of the case, considering the submissions of the counsel and on perusal of the record, this Court, in the interests of justice, felt it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition giving liberty to the petitioner to approach the competent authority for release of the vehicle.

Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of giving liberty to the petitioner to approach the competent authority and file appropriate application for release of the vehicle, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. On filing such application, the competent authority shall pass appropriate reasoned orders, within one week from the date of filing of such application by the petitioner, in accordance with law, and

communicate the same to the petitioner. There shall be no order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

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**M. GANGA RAO, J**

Date: 29-05-2020

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