

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE D.RAMESH

WRIT PETITION No.15892 of 2020

ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Government Pleader for Prohibition and Excise appearing for respondent Nos.1 and 2 and learned Government Pleader for Home appearing for respondent No.3. At their request, the Writ Petition is being disposed of at the admission stage.

This Writ Petition is filed challenging the order of respondent No.2 dated 10.08.2020 in insisting the petitioner to furnish fixed deposit for Rs.4,00,000/- for release of Vehicle bearing Registration No.AP 16 FE 9801 seized in relation to Crime No.236 of 2020 on the file of Tadikalapudi Police Station, West Godavari District.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner would submit that there is no dispute regarding the ownership of the vehicle and, to that effect, a copy of the Certificate of Registration of the subject vehicle is filed along with the Writ Petition.

In the circumstances, the Writ Petition is allowed modifying the order of respondent No.2 dated 10.08.2020 and respondent No.2 is directed to grant interim release/interim custody of the Vehicle bearing Registration No.AP 16 FE 9801 on petitioner furnishing collateral security for the value of the subject vehicle. Needless to mention that before accepting the same, the authorities shall verify the authenticity of the

documents. It is made clear that the petitioner shall not alienate, alter or change the nature of the vehicle and shall produce the same as and when required. No order as to costs.

As a sequel thereto, the miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this Writ Petition shall stand closed.

D.RAMESH,J

Date: 22.10.2020
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