

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SESSIONS JUDGE,  
SALEM

Present: **Tmt.S.Sumathy, M.L.,**  
Principal Sessions Judge,  
Salem.

Monday, this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026

CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS PETITION No.420/2026  
(CNR.No.TNSA010006982026)

P.Arulkumar (41),

S/o C.Palanivel

...Petitioner/Owner of the  
vehicle.

-Vs-

State rep. by: The Inspector of Police,  
Kannankurichi PS.  
Cr.No.530/2021.

...Respondent/Complainant.

This petition came up on 23.03.2026 for final hearing before me, in the presence of Thiru.G.Prakash, Advocate for the petitioner and of Thiru.K.P.K.Saravanan, Special Public Prosecutor for the respondent and upon hearing both sides arguments and upon perusing the petition, affidavit and other case records and having stood over for consideration till this date, this Court passed the following:

ORDER

The petitioner has filed this petition to pass an order to return the original RC book of his Ashok Leyland - Tipper Lorry bearing registration No.TN 30 BE 1661 for interim custody for the reasons mentioned in the petition.

2) The learned Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the

petitioner is the owner of the Ashok Leyland - Tipper Lorry bearing registration No.TN 30 BE 1661 and the said vehicle was seized by the respondent/police in connection with the case in Cr.No.530/2021 u/sec.379 IPC and sec.21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 on the file of the respondent/police and the said vehicle was produced before this Court in CP.No.40/2021. In earlier occasion, the petitioner moved before this Court and filed a petition in CMP.No.4774/2021 to pass an order to return the said Ashok Leyland - Tipper Lorry bearing registration No.TN 30 BE 1661 to him for interim custody and the said petition was allowed by this Court on 21.01.2022 and the Ashok Leyland - Tipper Lorry bearing registration No.TN 30 BE 1661 was returned to the petitioner for interim custody after receiving the original RC book of the vehicle to the Court custody. Now for the purpose of F.C., the petitioner is in need of original RC book of the vehicle and if the same is returned to the petitioner, he is ready to produce the same before this Court as ordered by this Court and prays to allow this petition.

3) On perusal of the case records, it shows that as per the order passed by this Court in CMP.No.4774/2021 dated:21.01.2022, the petition mentioned vehicle was returned for interim custody to the petitioner after obtaining the original RC of the vehicle and now the original RC of the vehicle is under the custody of this Court. Now the petitioner is in need of original RC of the vehicle for the purpose of F.C.

4) The learned Special Public Prosecutor for the respondent/complainant has endorsed on the petition as 'No counter'.

5) In the stated circumstances, considering the reasons stated by the petitioner's side and the fact that an endorsement as 'No counter' was made by the respondent's side, this Court is inclined to consider the plea of the petitioner regarding the return of original RC book of the vehicle for interim custody.

In the result, this petition is allowed and it is ordered to return the original RC book of Ashok Leyland - Tipper Lorry bearing registration No.TN 30 BE 1661 to the petitioner as interim custody. The petitioner is directed to produce the said original RC book before this Court on or before 30.04.2026.

Pronounced by me in Open Court, this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

Sd./S.Sumathy,  
Principal Sessions Judge,  
Salem.  
30.03.2026

Copy to the petitioner through Thiru.G.Prakash,  
Advocate, Salem.

Order (True Copy) in  
CMP.No.420/2026  
Dated:30.03.2026

