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**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

**FRIDAY, THE TWENTY SEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE E.V. VENUGOPAL

WRIT PETITION NO: 6338 OF 2026

Between:

Kasani Srinivas, So: Kasani Komuraiah Age. 50 Years, Occ. Owner of Vehicle, Ro. H.No.171/1 Veenavanka Mandal, Valbapur, Karimnagar Telangana.

...PETITIONER

AND

1. The State of Telangana, represented by its Principal Secretary to the Excise Department, Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad.
2. The Deputy Commissioner, Prohibition and Excise Department, Nalgonda Division.
3. The Station House Officer, Bhongir Police Station, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District.

...RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue an order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ declaring the action of the respondent No. 3 authority in seizing the Ashok Leyland Good Carriage Dost RLS FSD BS-VI Cream Colour Vehicle, bearing No TG 02 T 1321, of the petitioner in PCR COR No 47 of 2025, dated 02-11-2025 is nothing but arbitrary illegal null and void and violative of Articles 14 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India. Consequently, direct the respondent authorities respondent No 2 in specific to release the Ashok Leyland Good Carriage Dost RLS FSD BS VI, Cream Colour Vehicle bearing No. TG 02 T 1321 in favour of the petitioner.



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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondent No 2 authorities to release the Ashok Leyland Good Carriage Dost RLS FSD, BS VI Cream Colour Vehicle bearing No. TG 02 T 1321 in favour of the petitioner.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI RAJATH KUMAR PRADHAN

**Counsel for the Respondent Nos.1 and 2:SRI M. ARUN KUMAR,
AGP FOR PROHIBITION EXCISE**

Counsel for the Respondent No.3: AGP FOR HOME

The Court made the following: ORDER



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THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE E.V.VENUGOPAL

WRIT PETITION No.6338 of 2026

DATE OF ORDER: 27.02.2026

Between:

Kasani Srinivas

...Petitioner

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary
to the Excise Department,
Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad, and 2 others

...Respondents

ORDER :

This Writ Petition, under Article 226 of the
Constitution of India, is filed seeking the following relief:

"....to issue an order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ declaring the action of the respondent No.3 authority in seizing the Ashok Leyland Good Carriage Dost RLS FSD, BS-VI, Cream Colour Vehicle bearing No.TG 02 T 1321 of the petitioner in (P.C.R) C.O.R.No.47 of 2025 dated 02.11.2025 is nothing but arbitrary illegal null and void and violative of Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India Consequently direct the respondent authorities respondent No.2 in specific to release the Ashok Leyland Good Carriage Dost RLS FSD, BS-VI, Cream Colour Vehicle bearing No.TG 02 T 1321 in favour of the petitioner...."

2. Heard Mr. Rajath Kumar Pradhan, learned counsel for the petitioner; Sri M.Arun Kumar, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Excise appearing for respondent Nos.1 and 2 and Sri M.Srinivas, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home appearing for respondent No.3 and with their consent, this writ petition is being taken up for disposal at the admission stage.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is the absolute owner and lawful possessor of vehicle bearing registration No.TS 02 T 1321. On 02.11.2025 respondent No.3 registered a case in (P.C.R) C.O.R.No.47 of 2025 under Sections 34(e) of Telangana State Prohibition and Excise Act, 1968, alleging illegal transportation of 3000 Kgs of Jaggery and 50 Kgs of Alum. It is further submitted that the vehicle of petitioner was hired to transport the said goods and is no way concerned with the Black Jaggery and Alum. Under hire purchase oral agreement, the driver was transporting the said goods, due to which respondent No.3 has registered the said crime and seized the vehicle, as a result of said seizure of the vehicle.



Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as a result of the said seizure of the petitioner's vehicle, petitioner is suffering a lot as he belongs to a lower middle-class background and seeks a direction to respondents to forthwith release the said vehicle.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted that in similar circumstances, the order dated 28.01.2026 was passed by this Court in W.P.No.2293 of 2026 and prayed this Court to pass similar orders in this writ petition.

5. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Prohibition and Excise, has not disputed the above submissions.

6. Having considered the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Assistant Government Pleader for Excise, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of this writ petition directing the petitioner to approach respondent No.2 by making appropriate application for release of the vehicle. Upon such application being filed, respondent No.2 is directed to examine all the documents pertaining to the vehicle and release the same subject to the

condition of depositing the original R.C.Book before the authority concerned and the said authority shall release the vehicle after obtaining an undertaking that the petitioner shall not change the nature of the vehicle and not to alienate the said vehicle and upon depositing security in the form of F.D.R. for Rs.2,00,000/-.

7. With the above observations, this writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

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Sd/-C.DEEPIKA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary to the Excise Department, The State of Telangana, Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad.
2. The Deputy Commissioner, Prohibition and Excise Department, Nalgonda Division.
3. The Station House Officer, Bhongir Police Station, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District.
4. One CC to Sri Rajath Kumar Pradhan, Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to GP for Prohibition Excise, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad[OUT]
6. Two CCs to the GP for Home, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad[OUT]
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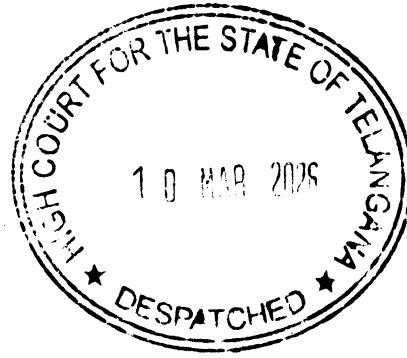
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HIGH COURT

DATED:27/02/2026

ORDER

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**DISPOSING OF THE WRIT PETITION
WITHOUT COSTS**

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