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W.P. No.45111 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 20.11.2025

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THE HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN

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A.Duraisamy

...Petitioner

Vs.

1. Inspector of Police,
Tiruppur North Police Station,
Tiruppur.

2. The Licensing Authority cum-
Regional Transport Officer,
Tiruppur North,
Tiruppur.

...Respondents

Prayer : This writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent herein to return the original driving license (DL No.TN28 19940001881) to the petitioner forthwith.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.K.Hariharan

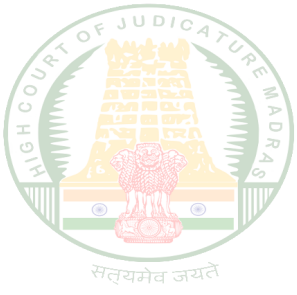


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For Respondent(s) : Mr.M.Shajahan
Special Government Pleader



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ORDER

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The petitioner is a Driver with the Tamil Nadu State Road Transport Corporation.

While on duty on 02.09.2025, the bus he was driving suffered an accident. On account of the accident, an F.I.R was registered in Crime No.1025 of 2025 by the first respondent Police. The petitioner handed over his original Driving License to the first respondent. On 05.09.2025, the first respondent forwarded the original driving license to the second respondent, calling upon him to initiate proceedings for cancellation.

2. It has been settled by a Division Bench of this Court in **2010 WLR 100 (DB)** that a license cannot be cancelled till the criminal proceedings attain finality. Apart from the registration of F.I.R in this case, the matter has not proceeded further. That being the position, the judgment of the Division Bench squarely be applicable to the facts of the case.



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3. The writ petition is ordered. No costs. The second respondent is directed to

hand over the license to the writ petitioner.

4. At this stage, Mr.Shajahan, states that he will produce the driving license on

25.11.2025.

5. Post the matter on 25.11.2025 under the caption “For Reporting Compliance”.

20.11.2025

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