

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25..06..2015

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THE HON'BLE Mr.SANJAY KISHAN KAUL, CHIEF JUSTICE
and
THE HON'BLE Mr.JUSTICE T.S.SIVAGNANAM

W.P. No.18238 of 2015

Kanyakumari District Rubber
Farmers Association represented
by its President, Advocate S.Nelson
No.102, C.B.Towers, Convent Junction
Kulasekaram, Kanyakumari District ..Petitioner

Versus

1.Union of India
represented by its
Secretary to Government, Ministry
of Environment and Forest, New Delhi 110003

2.Government of Tamil Nadu represented
by its Chief Secretary, Fort St.George,
Chennai 600 009.

3.Government of Tamilnadu represented
by its Secretary to Government,
Environment and Forerst Dept,
Fort St.George, Chennai 600 009.

4.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Panagal Maligai, Saidapet, Chennai 600015.

..Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents, especially the 2nd and 3rd respondents to constitute an 'Expert Committee' to study the impact of HLWG (High Level Working Group) Recommendations so as to assess the ground level information besides setting up of Panchayat Level Committees in the Villages falling within the ESA (ECO sensitive areas) as identified by HLWG for undertaking on-the-spot field verification and also to interact with the stakeholders and thereafter to make a physical verification after public hearing, besides adhering all pre-declaration requirements and arrive at a conclusion with regard to the claim for exemption/exclusion of the Agricultural Patta Lands, Rubber Plantations and Human Settlements in the 4 Taluks of

Agastheeswaram, Thovalai, Kalkulam and Vilavancode and more particularly the area covered in the Panchayats, Kadayalumoodu, Thirparappu, Kulasekaram, Ponmanai, Azhagiapandipuram, Aralvoimozhi, Boothapandi of Kanyakumari District as per recommendations of 'Expert committee' as has been done in the State of Kerala exempting 123 Revenue Villages from the purview of the proposed declaration of Eco-Sensitive Zones by duly considering the petitioner's representation dated 25.05.2015 received and acknowledged by the 2 & 3 rd respondents on 30.5.2015.

For Petitioner :: Mr.A.Amal Raj
For Respondent :: Mr.Su.Srinivasan
Assistant Solicitor General
for R.1
Mr.M.K.Subramanian
Special Government Pleader
for R.2 to R.4

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(Judgment of Court was made by The Honourable Chief Justice)

After some arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks to withdraw the writ petition stating that he will follow the matter administratively alone with the State Government.

2. The writ petition stands dismissed as withdrawn in the aforesaid terms. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

- 1.The Secretary, Union of India,
Ministry of Environment and Forest, New Delhi 110003
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Fort St.George, Chennai.
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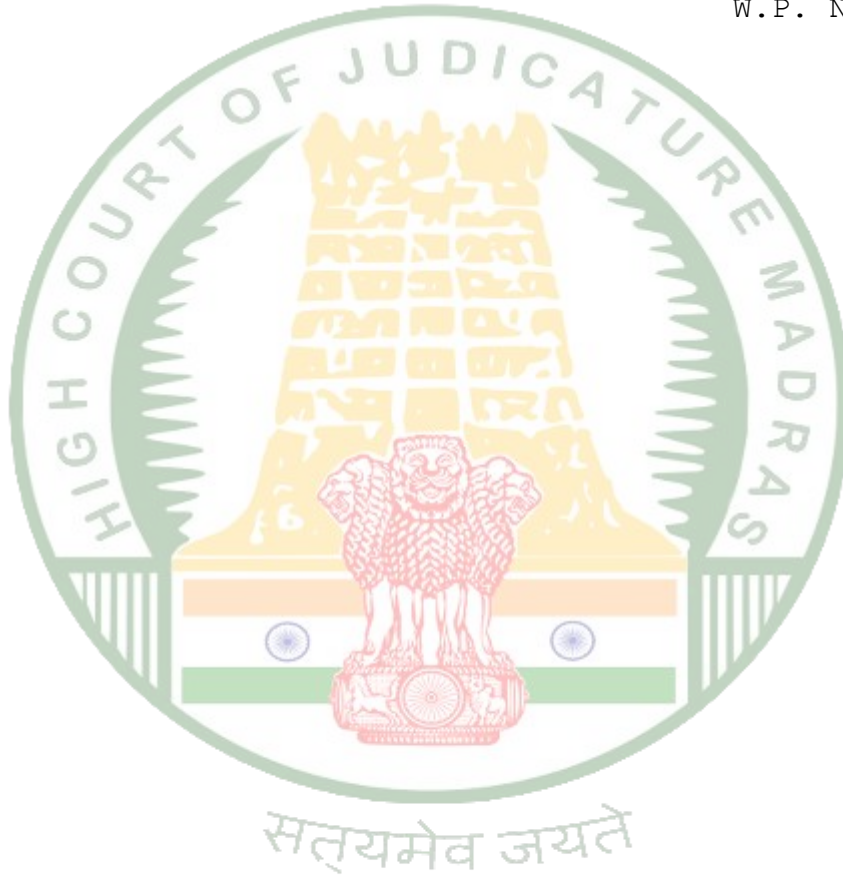
+1 cc to Mr.Su.Srinivasan, Advocate,SR.31660

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