

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE M.S.RAMACHANDRA
RAO**

WRIT PETITION No.37282 OF 2015

ORDER :

The grievance of the petitioner in this writ petition is that the proceedings under Section 6A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (for short 'the Act') have been initiated against him and pending the same, the respondents are proposing to dispose of the seized stocks.

2. Counsel for the petitioner contends that pending disposal of the 6A enquiry, the seized stocks may not be disposed of and a time limit be fixed for completion of proceedings under Section 6A of the Act. He also contends that the seized stocks are not perishable in nature and the petitioner is ready to furnish third party security for the value of the stocks.

3. The learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies, appearing for respondents, states that stocks seized from the petitioner are not perishable and that the respondents will complete the enquiry under Section 6A of the Act within two months.

4. Having regard to the said submissions, this Writ Petition is disposed of directing the respondents to complete 6A proceedings initiated against the petitioner within two (02) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and

pending enquiry, stocks seized from the petitioner may not be sold and if the petitioner offers to furnish third party security, the respondents may consider for releasing the stocks to the petitioner on his furnishing third party security for the value of the seized stocks. There shall be no order as to costs.

5. Consequently, Miscellaneous Petitions pending if any, shall stand closed.

M.S. RAMACHANDRA RAO, J

17th November, 2015.

Note: Issue C.C. in three days.

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