

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE RAJA ELANGO

Criminal Petition No.6543 of 2016

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking to release the stock of the petitioner i.e. 3250 kgs., of black jaggery seized in PR.No.143 of 2016-17 by the Prohibition and Excise Police Station, Chirala, Prakasam District.

Heard and perused the material available on record.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is doing business in purchasing and selling of jaggery and general items and he purchased the above stock from the wholesalers under valid bills and that the value of the seized stocks will be diminished if they are kept idle in the premises of Prohibition & Excise station.

Admittedly, black jaggery seized from the possession of the petitioner in the above referred crime is not a prohibited article under any law and its possession is also not barred by the provisions of any Statute.

Considering these circumstances, interim custody of 3250 kgs., of black jaggery, seized in the above referred crime shall be entrusted to the interim custody of the petitioner on his execution of a personal bond for a sum of Rs.65,000/- (Rupees Sixty Five thousand only) to the satisfaction of the Additional Junior Civil Judge, Chirala, Prakasam District.

With the above directions, the Criminal Petition is disposed of. Consequently, miscellaneous petitions pending if any, shall stand closed.

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RAJA ELANGO, J

April 27, 2016.

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