

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA KODANDA RAM

WRIT PETITION No.8221 OF 2016

ORDER:

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

Counsel for the petitioner contends that pending disposal of the 6-A enquiry, the seized stocks may not be disposed of and a time limit be fixed for completion of proceedings under Section 6-A 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.

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 6-A of the Act within two months.

Having regard to the said submissions, this writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents to complete 6-A proceedings initiated against the petitioner within (2) 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 in its furnishing third party security for the value of the seized stocks. There shall be no order as to costs.

In view of the disposal of the main writ petition, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in the writ petition, shall also be closed.

CHALLA KODANDA RAM, J.

Date:15.03.2016.

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