

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE A.V. SESA SAI

WRIT PETITION No.2557 OF 2017

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 him and pending the same, the respondents are proposing to dispose of the seized stocks and the vehicle bearing No.AP 15TA 4041.

2. Counsel for the petitioner contends that pending disposal of the 6-A enquiry, the seized stocks and the subject vehicle 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 and the subject vehicle are not perishable in nature and the petitioner is ready to furnish immovable property security for the value of the stocks and the subject vehicle.

3. The learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies, appearing for respondents, states that the stocks and the subject vehicle 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. It is further submitted by the learned Government Pleader that the

petitioner herein may be directed to furnish the bank guarantee.

4. Having regard to the said submissions, this Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the respondents to complete 6-A proceedings initiated against the petitioner herein, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and pending enquiry, the stocks and the subject vehicle seized from the petitioner may not be sold and if the petitioner offers to furnish immovable property security, the respondents may consider for releasing the stocks and the subject vehicle to the petitioner on his furnishing immovable property security for the value of the seized stocks and the subject vehicle.

5. Miscellaneous petitions pending consideration, if any, in this case shall stand closed in consequence. No order as to costs.

01.02.2017
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A.V.SESHA SAI, J