

In the High Court of Judicature at Madras

Dated : 29.6.2018

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The Honourable Mr.Justice T.S.SIVAGNANAM

Writ Petition Nos.15998 & 15999 of 2018

R.Selvakumar

...Petitioner in
WP.15998/2018

V.Sundaram

...Petitioner in
WP.15999/2018

Vs

1.The Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Limited (TASMAC), rep.by its Managing Director, CMDA Tower, Gandhi Irwin Road, Egmore, Chennai-8.

2.The Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Limited (TASMAC), rep.by its Senior Regional Manager, LLA Building, Anna Salai, Chennai-2.

3.The Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Limited (TASMAC), rep.by its District Manager, Thiruvallur (East) District, No.1, Bangalore Highway, Sembarambakkam, Chennai-602103. Thiruvallur District.

...Respondents in
both the WPs

PETITIONS under Article 226 of The Constitution of India praying for the issuance of Writs of Mandamus forbearing the respondents from demanding the huge licence fee of Rs.2,56,426/- and Rs.2,84,504/- respectively for the month of June 2018 for shop Nos.9183 and 8708 from the respective petitioner and consequently direct the respondents to reduce the licence fee for the month of June 2018 based on the actual sales in the bar premises of the respective petitioner.

For Petitioners : Mr.K.Selvaraj

For Respondents : Mr.Arumugha Rajan

COMMON ORDER

Mr.Arumugha Rajan, learned Standing Counsel accepts notice for the respondents. Heard both. By consent, the writ petitions are taken up for joint disposal.

2. These writ petitions have been filed to restrain the respondents from demanding huge licence fee for the month of June 2018. Similar prayer was considered by this Court W.P.Nos.14784 to 14788 of 2018, wherein a common order was passed by this Court on 20.6.2018. The operative portion of the order reads as follows:

"8. For all the above reasons, the writ petitions are disposed of by directing the respective petitioners to pay 3.5% of the sales, which occurred during the month of April 2018 as a licence fee for the month of May 2018 payable in the month of June 2018. The respondents shall accept the same without prejudice to their rights. Along with the payment receipts, the petitioners are also directed to submit representations to the respondents. On receipt of the representations, the respondents shall consider the same, take note of the sales in the respective TASMAC retail vending shops for the months of January, February and March 2018 and take a conscious decision in the matters in accordance with law. The petitioners are further directed to pay the licence fee in terms of the above directions within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs. Consequently, the connected WMPs are closed."

3. The grievance expressed by the learned counsel for the petitioners is that the respondent - Corporation is insisting upon payment of 3.5% of 100% of the licence fee for the month of April 2018. It is submitted that even as per the licence conditions, it is only 3.5% of 80% of the licence fee for the previous month, which is payable.

4. The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent - Corporation submits that the apprehension of the petitioners is thoroughly baseless and that the respondent - Corporation is ready and willing to accept the demand draft drawn in terms of the conditions for grant of licence.

5. In the light of the above, these writ petitions are disposed of by directing the respective petitioners to pay the licence fee for the month of June 2018 calculated at the rate of 3.5% of 80% of the actual sales for the month of April 2018 as stipulated in the licence conditions. The amount shall be paid by the respective petitioner on or before 30.6.2018. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar (CS-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Marketing
Corporation Limited (TASMAC),
CMDA Tower, Gandhi Irwin Road,
Egmore, Chennai-8.

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Limited (TASMAC), LLA Building,
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Thiruvallur District.

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