

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.03.2019

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.RAVICHANDRABAABU

W.P.No.7338 of 2019

and

WMP.No.8015 of 2019

R.Janakiraman

...Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Chief Secretary to the Government
Chief Secretariat,
Puducherry.

2. The Director
Agricultural Department
Puducherry.

...Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the first respondent to issue quality seeds, quality pesticides, adhering to the standard manure etc., through the outlets maintained by the second respondent through out the Union Territory of Puducherry to the deserving small and medium agriculturists in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Ajayakumar

For Respondents : Mr.D.Ravichander
Additional Government Pleader(P)

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Mr.D.Ravichander, learned Additional Government Pleader takes notice for the respondents. By consent of the parties, this main writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2. The petitioner seeks for a Mandamus directing the first respondent to issue quality seeds, quality pesticides, adhering to the standard manure etc., through the outlets maintained by the second respondent to the small and medium agriculturists in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

3. Heard both sides.

4. The petitioner claims to be an Agriculturist, having an extent of 5 acres of land, doing agricultural work therein, after obtaining various concessions, subsidies and other benefits offered by the Government through various schemes. The grievance of the petitioner is that the respondent-Government, all of a sudden has taken a decision not to operate the outlets opened by the Puduchery Agro Service and Industries Corporation due to administrative reason, which caused heavy loss and hardship to the small and medium level agriculturists like the petitioner. Therefore, it is contended that all the agricultural tools like quality seeds, pesticides and other machinery etc., for the purpose of agriculture should be made available through the above said Corporation or through the Department, as was done prior to the formation of the said Corporation. Ventilating such grievance, the petitioner has already approached the respondents by way of representations dated 03.01.2019 and 04.01.2019.

5. Therefore, it is for the respondents to consider the said representations and pass orders on the same on merits and in accordance with law, as this Court is not expressing any view on the merits of the matter. Accordingly, this writ petition is disposed of only by directing the respondents to consider the representations dated 03.01.2019 and 04.01.2019 made by the petitioner and pass appropriate orders on the same on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CCC)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1. The Chief Secretary to the Government, Chief Secretariat, Puducherry.

2. The Director, Agricultural Department, Puducherry.

+1cc to Mr.V.Ajayakumar, Advocate SR.No.25647

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