

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE CHALLA KODANDA RAM

WRIT PETITION No.3562 of 2019

ORDER:

The petitioner in this Writ Petition is a saw mill, represented by its Proprietor. It asserts that the saw mill is run with the licence granted by the Forest Department by using 'Vertical Band Saw' machinery. On account of various problems, as of now, it has become difficult for it to run the saw mill using Vertical Band Saw alone, thereby, it made a representation to the authorities seeking permission to install 'Horizontal Log Saw' machinery along with 'Vertical Band Saw' and issue renewed licence. As the said representation is not being considered, the present Writ Petition is filed.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the record.

3. Learned Government Pleader for Forests submits that on account of the orders of the Supreme Court, now the Rules have been amended and notified vide G.O.Ms.No.55, Environment, Forests, Science and Technology (For.I) Department, dated 26.09.2016, under which, a State Level Committee was also constituted under G.O.Rt.No.203, dated 16.12.2016, which has been empowered to consider the applications made in prescribed format for granting licences, either fresh, or for installation of additional machinery, and as on date, the petitioner has not made application in the prescribed format.

4. Having regard to the facts and circumstances, the Writ Petition is disposed of granting liberty to the petitioner to make necessary application in the prescribed format complying with the procedural requirements as notified under G.O.Ms.No.55, dated 26.09.2016. As and when such application is made, the competent authority shall dispose of the same, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four (04) months from the date of receipt of such application. There shall be no order as to costs.

Pending miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

21st February, 2019
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CHALLA KODANDA RAM, J

