



W.P.No.14459 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 25.07.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE N.MALA

W.P.No.14459 of 2025
and WMP.No.16337 of 2025

1.Mr.V.Tamilarasan

2.Mr.R.Vijayakumar

... Petitioners

vs

1.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
Head of the Department cum Chairman
State Level Committee for WBI (Wood Based Industries)
Near Kanniakapuram Check Post,
Velachery Main Road,
Guindy, Chennai –600 032.

2.The Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & Forest
Government of Tamil Nadu
St.George Fort,
Chennai –600 009.

3.The Forest Range Officer
District Forest Office
Nagapattinam District – 611 001.

4.The Licensing Officer
Wild Life Warden



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सुत Nagapattinam – 611 001.

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5.Mr.N.Udhayakumar

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider the representation dated 17.06.2024 given by the petitioner herein to the 1st to 4th respondents herein to conduct enquiry and cancel the license C.No.2055/2021/A1, License No.8/2022, dated 10.05.2022 issued by the 4th respondent on the basis of the false information and fabricated documents provided by the 5th respondent's mother Mrs.N.Kalyani (deceased) within a reasonable time.

For Petitioners : Mr.T.R.Sathiyamohan

For Respondents : Mr.S.Rajesh, GA for R1 to R4.

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed to consider the representation dated 17.06.2024 given by the petitioner herein to the 1st to 4th respondent herein to conduct enquiry and cancel the license C.No.2055/2021/A1, License No.8/2022, dated 10.05.2022 issued by the 4th respondent on the basis of the false information and fabricated documents provided by the 5th respondent's mother Mrs.N.Kalyani



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(deceased) within a reasonable time.

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2. The 5th respondent's mother Mrs.N.Kalayani w/o.Narayanasamy operated a saw mill by name N.K.V.Saw Mill at Agarakadambanur, Kilvelur Taluk, Nagapattinam District without valid license or approval. The 3rd respondent order closure through proceedings dated 23.05.2013, based on government regulations prohibiting unlicensed sawmills established before and after 30.10.2002. The said Kalyani filed WP.No.17999 of 2013 before this Court, this Court directs her to submit a fresh application under Rule 4 of the Tamil Nadu Regulation of Wood Based Industries, 2010. The 5th respondent mother was allotted with house site patta for residential purposes, which was misused to operate the sawmill. The 5th respondent did not secure necessary approvals from local authorities, the no objection certificate was obtained by the pollution control board was allegedly obtained fraudulently and the issuing officer was later arrested for unrelated fraudulent activities. The said Kalyani sought licence renewal under Rule 5 using false information and fabricated documents. The 4th respondent issued license (C.No.2055/2021/A1, License No.8/2022, dated 10.05.2022) in violation of norms. The petitioners submitted



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representations dated 14.05.2022 and 07.10.2023 to the authorities, stating the irregularities and requesting an investigation and cancellation of the license. In the meanwhile, the said Kalyani died during the month of December 2024, and now the 5th respondent is in continues operation of the sawmill. Hence, the present writ petition.

3. Mr.S.Rajesh, learned Government Advocate takes notice for the respondents 1 to 4. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents 1 to 4 would submit that the representations of the petitioner dated 14.05.2022 and 07.10.2023, will be considered on merits and in accordance with law, within the time frame stipulated by this Court.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents 1 to 4 and perused the materials available on record.

5. This Court directs the third respondent to consider the representations of the



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petitioners dated 14.05.2022 and 07.10.2023, by conducting detailed enquiry, after

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giving due notice to the petitioners and the 5th respondent, opportunity of personal hearing to both the parties, to consider the documents filed by the petitioner as well as by the 5th respondent, on merits, in accordance with law, and pass appropriate orders within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6.This writ petition is disposed of, with the above observations and directions.

No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Speaking order / Non-speaking order

Index : Yes / No

Neutral Citation : Yes / No

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