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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12.06.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR.K.R.SHRIRAM, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

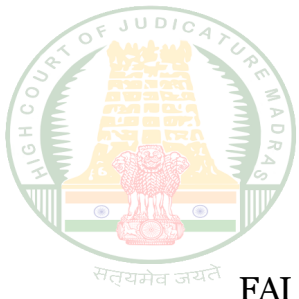
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and WMP Nos.29509, 29513 of 2024

P.Jothibasu

: Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The Union of India
rep. by its Secretary
to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
New Delhi.
- 2.The Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Department of Fertilizers
Government of India, New Delhi.
- 3.The Chairman,
National Bank of Agricultural and Rural development,
Plot C-24, G Block,
Bandra Kurla Complex,
BKC Road, Bandra East,
Mumbai 400051
- 4.The Fertilizer Association of India,
Through its Chairman cum Managing Director,



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FAI House, No.10,
Shaheed Jit Singh Marg,
New Delhi 110067

- 5.The Principal Secretary,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection Department,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.
- 6.The Principal Secretary,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Agriculture – Farmers Welfare Department,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.
- 7.The Director cum Commissioner of Agriculture,
Agriculture Directorate,
Chepauk, Chennai 600005
- 8.The Registrar of Cooperatives,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Department of Cooperatives,
NVN Natarajan Maligai,
No.170, Periyar, EVR High Road,
Kilpauk, Chennai 600 010
- 9.The Tamil Nadu Cooperative Marketing
Federation Limited,
Through its Managing Director,
91, St.Mary's Road, Chennai 18
- 10.The Secretary,
I.I.603 V.Saththamangalam Primary Agricultural
Cooperative Credit Society Ltd.,
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11.The Secretary,
E.2581, Sedapalayam Primary Agricultural
Cooperative Credit Society Ltd.,
Sedapalayam, Cuddalore Taluk,
Cuddalore District 606003

12.The Secretary,
E.2615 Cinnapettai Primary Agricultural
Cooperative Credit Society Ltd.,
Cinnapettai, Panruti Taluk,
Cuddalore District 606003

: Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing respondent Nos.5 to 8 to restrain the 9th respondent from compelling Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies in Tamil Nadu who does not have the mandatory Certificate of Source/Origin namely Form-O issued by a duly licensed manufacturer/importer specifically for each and every Biostimulant with particulars and details, as per The Fertilizer (Inorganic, Organic or mixed) (Control) Order, 1985, unless and until the 1st respondent has included such Biostimulant with Specifications of Biostimulants in Part-, Tolerance Limit in Part-B and Methodology of Testing in Part-D in Schedule VI, as required under Clause 20C, of The Fertilizer (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed)(Control) Order, 1985 and consequently directing the 7th respondent to take necessary action to 'stop sale' the sales of any Biostimulants through Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Societies, that does not have Certificate of Source/Origin Form-O specifically issued by a duly licensed manufacturer/importer.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Purushothaman

For Respondents 1, 2 : Mr.Rajesh Vivekananthan,
Deputy Solicitor-General



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For Respondent No.4 : Ms.Nivedita Mehta

For Respondents 5 to 9 : Mr.J.Ravindran,
Additional Advocate-General
assisted by Mr.A.Edwin Prabhakar,
State Government Pleader

For respondents 3,
10 to 12 : No appearance

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made
by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Mr.Purushothaman states that the petition could be closed in view of
subsequent developments.

2. Ordered accordingly. There will be no order as to costs.
Consequently, all the interim applications also stand disposed of.

(K.R.SHRIRAM, C.J.)

(SUNDER MOHAN, J.)

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