



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 11-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

WP No. 42000 of 2025

AND

WMP NOs. 47040 , 47042, 47044, 47037 and 47039 OF 2025

1. Marzook Ali
Ward No 2/50 West 2nd Street,
Nambuthalai Village,
Ramnad District Presently
Residing At Door No 11a, Lakmi
Nagar, 2nd Cross Street,
Chrompet Chennai 600 044

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Principal Commissioner Of
Customs
Air Cargo Complex, Anna
International Airport
Meenambakkam Chennai 16

2.The Principal Commissioner Of
Customs
Tiruchirapalli International
Airport, Old Terminal Building
Trichy Airport, Tirchy 620 007

3.The Principal Commissioner Of
Customs
CSM International Airport
Mumbai 400 099

4.The Principal Commissioner Of
Customs



Petrapole Custom Preventive
Unit, North 24 Parganas House
Bangaon, Kolkata 743 405

5.Chief Immigration Officer
Anna International Airport,
Meenambakkam Chennai

6.Chief Immigration Officer
Trichirapalli International
Airport, Old terminal Building
Tiruchy Airport, Trichy 620 007

7.The Senior Intelligence Officer
Directorate Of Revenue
Intelligence Regional Unit,
T. Nagar Chennai

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issuance of Certiorari Mandamus to Call for the records of the impugned order of customs personal penalty of Rs 10,00,000/-(Rupees ten Lakhs) issued against petitioner in PRP. SI No 05/ 2017 dated 11.01.2018 in OS. No 69/ 2015 dated 12.02.2015 and quash the same as it is illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and grant any other relief that this Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.G.Dakshinamurthy
For Respondent: Mr.K.S.Ramaswamy
Senior Standing counsel for
R1 to R4



Mr. K.Subbu Ranga
Bharathi
Central Government
Counsel for R5 and R6
Mr.S.T.Bharath Gowtham
for R7

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the impugned proceedings of the 1st respondent dated 11.01.2018 and the proceedings dated 12.02.2015.

2. Heard Mr.G.Dakshinamurthy, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.K.S.Ramaswamy, learned Senior Standing counsel for Respondents 1 to 4 and Mr. K.Subbu Ranga Bharathi, learned Central Government Counsel for Respondents 5 and 6 and Mr.S.T.Bharath Gowtham, learned counsel for 7th respondent.

3. In the considered view of this Court, the present writ petition cannot be entertained on the ground of laches. The proceedings that have been put to challenge is of the year 2018. There is absolutely no proper explanation in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition for an exorbitant delay of nearly 7 years in filing the writ petition. Even though writ jurisdiction is not



governed by law of limitation, laches is certainly a ground where the Court can refuse to exercise its discretion.

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4. In view of the above, this Court is not inclined to entertain this writ petition and accordingly, the same stands dismissed. No costs. Consequently, all connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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