



W.P.No.30998 of 2017 etc. batch

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 25.06.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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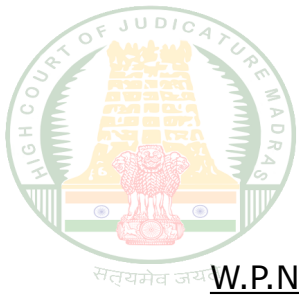
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Abinaya Tea Produce Co. Pvt. Ltd.,
Rep. by its Managing Director
Doddacombai, Mangoor,
The Nilgiris District

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Tea Board of India
Rep. by Executive Director,
Shell Wood, Club Road, P B No.6,
Coonoor Nilgiris- 643 101

2.The District Collector/Chairman,
District Green Leaf Price Monitoring
Committee (DGLPMC),
The Nilgiris District

3.Paramount Tea Marketing
(SI) P. Ltd, 65/1/A, Club Road,
Coonoor- 643 101, Nilgiris

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records of the 1st respondent in Order Ref No.6(257)/ TMCO/ CNR/ 04/ 2463 dated 16.11.2017 and quash the same.

Writ Petitions	Petitioner(s) Counsel	Respondent(s) Counsel
WP.Nos.30998, 31000, 31001, 30999 & 31002 of 2017	Mr.Arun Dhanapalan in all WPs	Mr. Bala Manimaaran Central Government Standing Counsel for R1 in W.P.Nos.30998, 31000, 31001 & 31002 of 2017 Mr. K.Kumaran, Government Pleader for R2 in all WPs Mrs. Anuraj Rajagopalan for Mr. Anirudh Krishnan for R3 in W.P.No.30998 of 2017 Mr. K.Ramanamoorthy, Senior Panel Counsel for R3 in W.P.Nos.31001& 31002 of 2017 R1 - No Appearance in W.P.No.30999 of 2017



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WP.Nos.31201, 31202, 31203 & 31204 of 2017		R3 - No Appearance in W.P.Nos.31000 & 31002 of 2017 Mr. Bala Manimaaran Central Government Standing Counsel for R1 in W.P.Nos.31201 & 31202 & 31204 of 2017 Mr. K.Ramanamoorthy Senior Panel Counsel for R1 in W.P.No.31203 of 2017 Mr. K.Kumaran, Government Pleader for R2 in W.P.Nos.31201, 31202, 31203 & 31204 of 2017 Mrs. Anuraj Rajagopalan for Mr. Anirudh Krishnan for R3 in W.P.No.31201 of 2017 R3 - No Appearance in W.P.Nos.31202, 31203 & 31204 of 2017
WP.Nos.32364 & 32365 of 2017		Mr. K.Gangadaran Central Government Standing Counsel for R1 in both WPs
WP.Nos.32837 & 32838 of 2017	Mr.John Zachariah in both WPs	Mr. K.Gangadaran Central Government Standing Counsel for R1 in both WPs
WP.Nos.23981, 23982, 23983, 23984 & 23985 of 2017		Mr.K.Ramanamoorthy, Senior Panel Counsel for R1 in all WPs Mr. K.Kumaran, Government Pleader for R2 in all WPs R3 - No Appearance in all WPs
WP.Nos.24868 & 24869 of 2018		Mr. K.Ramanamoorthy, Senior Panel Counsel for R1 in both WPs R2 and R3 - No Appearance in both WPs
WP.Nos.616, 624 & 628 of 2019	Mr. Arun Dhanapalan in all WPs	Mr. K.Gangadaran Central Government Standing Counsel for R1 in all WPs Mr. K.Kumaran, Government Pleader for R2 in all WPs R3 - No Appearance in all WPs
WP.Nos.1005, 1008, 1011 & 1071 of 2019		Mr. K.Gangadaran Central Government Standing Counsel for R1 in W.P.Nos.1005, 1008 & 1011 of 2019 Mr. K.Ramanamoorthy Senior Panel Counsel for R1 in W.P.No.1071 of 2019 Mr. K.Kumaran, Government Pleader for R2 in all WPs R3 - No Appearance in all WPs
WP.No.2533 of 2019	Mr.Arun Dhanapalan	Mr. K.Gangadaran, Central Government Standing Counsel for R1 Mr. K.Kumaran, Government Pleader for R2 R3 - No Appearance
WP.No.20351 of 2019	No appearance	Mr. K.Gangadaran, Central Government Standing Counsel for R1 and R3



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		Mrs. Anuraj Rajagopalan for Mr. Anirudh Krishnan for R4
WP.Nos.22925, 22948, 22960, 22944, 22931, 22929, 22964, 22967, 22972, 22975, 22978, 22957, 22954 & 22951 of 2019	Mr.Arun Dhanapalan in all W.Ps	R1 - No Appearance in all W.Ps Mr. K.Kumaran, Government Pleader for R2 and R3 in all W.Ps
WP.Nos.24825, 25118, 25140, 25053, 25059, 24830, 24846, 24855, 25063 & 25129 of 2019		Mr.Bala Manimaaran, Central Government Standing Counsel for R1 in W.P.Nos. 24825, 25118, 25140, 25053, 25059, 24846, 24855, 25063 & 25129 of 2019 Mr.K.Gangadaran, Central Government Standing Counsel for R1 in W.P.No.24830 of 2019 Mr.K.Kumaran, Government Pleader for R2 and R3 in all W.Ps
WP.Nos.26152, 26175, 26160 & 26171 of 2019		R1 - No Appearance in all W.Ps. Mr. K.Kumaran, Government Pleader for R2 in all W.Ps Mrs. Anuraj Rajagopalan for Mr. Anirudh Krishnan for R3 in W.P.Nos.26152 & 26171 of 2019
WP.Nos.26318, 26335, 26325 & 26332 of 2019		R1 to R3 - No Appearance in all W.Ps.

COMMON ORDER

(Made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Since common questions of law and facts are involved in these cases, we heard these matters analogously and we are passing this common order.



2. The issue raised in all these writ petitions is squarely covered by a decision of a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court dated 05.11.2019 passed in W.P.No.29406 of 2017 and connected writ petitions. The operative portion of the said order is reproduced below:

"6. We find some considerable force in the submission of the learned counsel appearing for the first respondent-Tea Board. The interest of the individual and the small farmers cannot be lost sight of. In such view of the matter, to protect the interest of all the parties, we deem it appropriate to direct the petitioners to pay 50% of the amount disputed in the impugned orders to the respective farmers within a period of 12 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The farmers will have to give an undertaking that they would repay the difference amount, if lesser amount is fixed by the first respondent-Tea Board, after considering the relevant materials as directed above. The first respondent-Tea Board is also directed to issue individual notices to the petitioners indicating the difference amount payable till the month of November, 2019. This will have to be done within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. We make it clear that till the entire process is completed as indicated above the disputed amount shall not be recovered from the petitioners. However, this arrangement is only till the final decision by the first respondent-Tea Board. The first respondent-Tea Board is also at liberty to determine the out turn percentage with an anterior date and we do not wish to say anything on this aspect. It is needless to state that the payment of remaining amount would be depending upon the decision of the first respondent-Tea Board.

7. These writ petitions stand disposed of accordingly. No costs. Consequently, connected writ miscellaneous petitions are closed."



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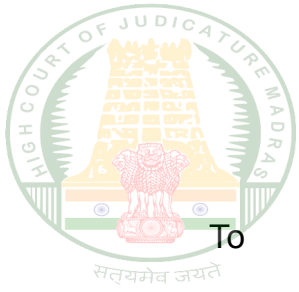
The aforesaid order shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the present batch cases.

3. If at all any final order has been passed by the Tea Board after the aforesaid decision, the payments would be effected as per the final order, or else, the interim arrangement made in the aforesaid decision shall continue to operate.

4. With the aforesaid direction, these writ petitions are disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Connected interim applications are closed.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J)
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