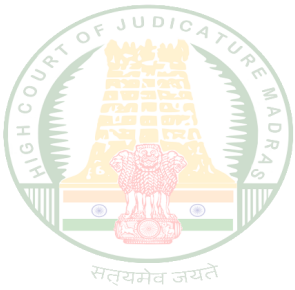




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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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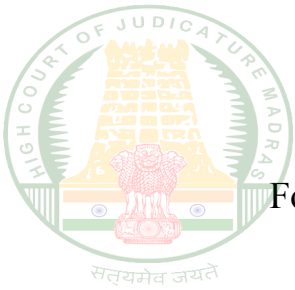
..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Chief Commissioner Of Customs
No.60 Rajaji Salai, Parrys, Chennai 600001.
2. The Superintendent Of Customs (aiu)
Office Of The Principal Commissioner Of
Customs, Chennai 1, Commissionerate, Anna
International Terminal, Chennai Airport,
Chennai 600027.
3. Inspector Of Customs (aiu) / Preventive Officer
Of Customs (aiu)
Office Of The Principal Commissioner Of
Customs, Chennai 1, Commissionerate, Anna
International Terminal, Chennai Airport,
Chennai 600027.

..Respondent(s)

Directing the 2nd and 3rd respondent to return the seized
currencies amounting to Rs.4,08,609.5/- to the petitioner.



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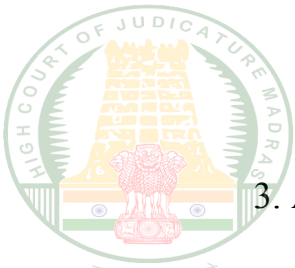
For Petitioner(s): Jerry V.V. Sundar
V.Z.Victor
J.Prakashraj
T.Saranya

For Respondent(s): M/s. Pooja Jain, Spc For R1 To R3 Memo
Dt. 20/12/24

ORDER

The petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking for a direction to the respondents 2 and 3 to return the seized currencies amounting to Rs.4,08,609.5/- to the petitioner within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

2. A positive direction as sought for in this writ petition cannot be granted by this Court at this stage, since the learned standing counsel appearing for the respondents on instructions would now submit that the petitioner will be afforded an opportunity of personal hearing and that the principles of natural justice will also be adhered to before passing the final orders on the petitioner's request for return of seized currencies. The said statement of the learned standing counsel for the respondents is recorded.



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3. Accordingly, this Court directs the third respondent to pass final orders by adhering to the principles of natural justice on the petitioner's request for return of the seized currencies amounting to Rs.4,08,609.5/- within a period of 8 weeks from the date when the petitioner sends his reply to the show cause notice already issued by the respondents. The petitioner is also directed to send his reply to the show cause notice already sent by the respondents with regard to the seized currencies within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. With these directions, the writ petition is disposed of. No Costs.

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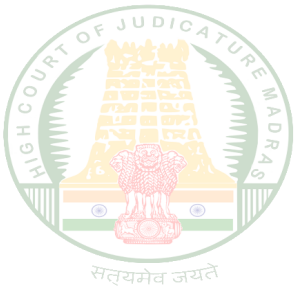
Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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