



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

WP No. 1842 of 2026

AND

WMP NO. 1926 OF 2026, WMP NO. 1928 OF 2026

1. M/s. Eiffel Logistics Pvt. Ltd.,
1st Floor, North Beach Road, 4th Line,
Clive Battery, VOC Nagar, Chennai
-01, Rep. by its Managing Director
Mrs. S.Jayasree

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner Of Customs
(general)
Chennai Customs Zone, 60 Rajaji Salai,
Customs House, Chennai 01

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Baskaran

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.M.Deenadayalan,spc

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed, challenging the impugned order dated 12.01.2026, suspending the petitioner's Customs Broking Licence. The petitioner has been suspended under the Customs Brokers Licensing Regulation (CBLR), 2018.

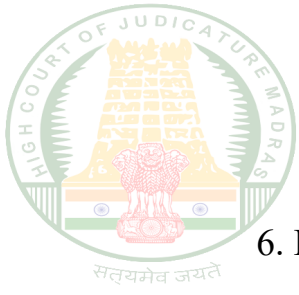


2. The petitioner has challenged the impugned order on the ground that there is a delay in passing the impugned order. According to the petitioner, as per the Regulations, there must be immediate necessity for the Customs Department to suspend the petitioner's licence. According to the petitioner, since the cause of action arose in the month of May, 2025 itself, when the alleged bill of entry was filed, the question of passing the impugned order on 12.01.2026 after a lapse of more than seven months does not arise and it is contrary to Regulation 16 of the CBLR, 2018.

3. The petitioner also contends that the impugned order has been passed in violation of Circular No.9/2010-Cus., dated 08.04.2010.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner drew the attention of this Court to the relevant CBLR Regulations as well as the Circular referred to supra. After giving due consideration to the same, this Court finds that the petitioner has made out a *prima facie* case for the grant of interim stay of operation of the impugned order dated 12.01.2026. Accordingly, there shall be an order of interim stay of operation of the impugned order dated 12.01.2026 until further orders.

5. Mr. S. M. Deenadayalan, learned Senior Panel Counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondent. He seeks time to file counter.



6. Post the matter for filing of counter on 11.02.2026.

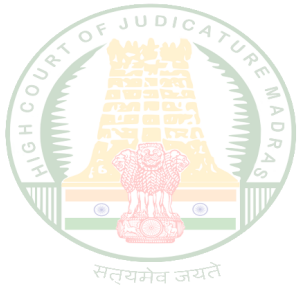
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