



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

WP No. 1914 of 2026 AND WMP NO. 2016 OF 2026

M/s. Dev Cargo Logistics
No.38, 3rd Floor, Krishnan Koil street,
Mannady, chennai- 600 001 Rep. by its
Authorized Signatory R.Sridhar.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner Of Customs
(general)
Chennai Customs Zone, 60, Rajaji
Salai, Custom House, Chennai- 600
001.

2.The Inquiry Officer/ Asst.
Commissioner of Customs
O/o.The Principal Commissioner of
Customs (Export) Chennai Customs
Zone, 60, Rajaji Salai.

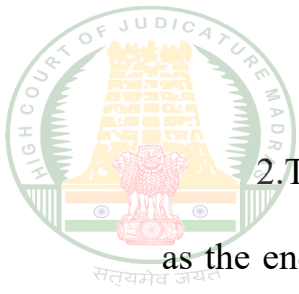
Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Baskaran

For Respondent(s): Mr.Rajnish Pathiyil,SPC

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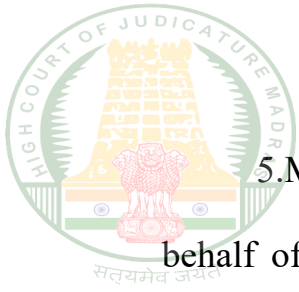
This writ petition has been filed, challenging the impugned show cause notice dated 07.10.2025 as well as the enquiry report dated 06.01.2026 on the ground that the same have been issued without any authority under law.



2. The petitioner has challenged the impugned show cause notice as well as the enquiry report on the ground that the same have been issued contrary to CBLR 2018. The petitioner has relied relevant regulation and has pointed out that unless and until there was an immediate necessity, the petitioner's licence cannot be suspended.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner had earlier approached this Court, challenging the suspension order on the very same ground raised in this writ petition. By order dated 08.08.2025 passed in W.P. No.29810 of 2025, this Court had granted an order of interim stay of the operation of the impugned suspension order issued to the petitioner. The petitioner has also raised various grounds and has pointed out that the respondents have not adhered to the timeline fixed under CBLR 2018. Learned counsel for the petitioner also submits that the timeline fixed under CBLR 2018 is mandatory in nature as held by the decisions rendered by this Court.

4. Since a prima facie case has been made out by the petitioner for the grant of an order of interim stay of the operation of the impugned show cause notice dated 07.10.2025 as well as the enquiry report dated 06.01.2026, there shall be an order of interim stay of the operation of the impugned show cause notice dated 07.10.2025 as well as the enquiry report dated 06.01.2026.



5. Mr. Rajnish Pathiyil, learned Senior Panel Counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. He seeks time to file counter. Post the matter for counter and disposal on 16.02.2026.

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