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WP No. 2050 of 2



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

WP No. 2050 of 2026

and

W.M.P.Nos.2186, 2188 and 2191 of 2026

SR Rajarajendiran,
Proprietor of M/s Asia Gate Exims No 52/25 ankur
Plaza, G N chetty road, t. nagar, Chennai 600 017

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Deputy Commissioner of Customs (DIU),
O/o The Principal commissioner of Customs
preventive commissionerate Customs house, no
60 Rajaji Salai chennai 600 001
2. The Inspector of Customs, Docks Intelligence
Unit, O/o The Principal commissioner of
Customs preventive commissionerate Customs
house, no 60 Rajaji Salai chennai 600 001
3. The Deputy commissioner of Customs
(Group-1), Custom House, no 60, rajaji Salai,
Chennai 600 001

..Respondent(s)

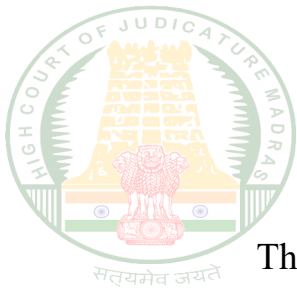
Call for the records pertaining to the impugned seizure memo dated
01.01.2026 issued in F. no GEN / 4177 / 2025- - DIU issued by the 2nd
respondent and quash the same.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.Hari Radhakrishnan

For Respondent(s):

Mr.Rajnish Pathiyil, SPC

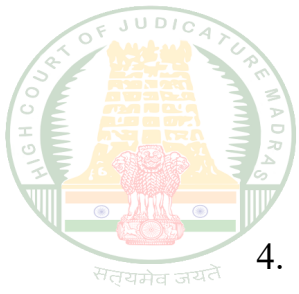


ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the impugned seizure memo dated 01.01.2026 issued by the second respondent.

2. The petitioner had declared the subject goods as animal feed to the Customs Department. However, according to the Customs Department, the subject goods are fit for human consumption. In view of the alleged misdeclaration, the impugned seizure memo dated 01.01.2026 came to be issued by the second respondent. Pending disposal of the writ petition, the petitioner seeks for interim directions.

3. Though the interim directions sought for in this writ petition are different from the representation made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, who submits that for the present, a direction may be issued to the respondents 1 and 2 to verify whether the subject goods as per the report obtained by them from the lab are animal feed as per the Indian Standards. Page No.54 of the typed set of papers filed along with this writ petition contains a lab report obtained by the Customs Department. Since there is no specific finding given in the said lab report as to whether the subject goods are animal feed or not, an interim direction is sought for by the learned counsel for the petitioner to direct the respondents 1 and 2 to clarify whether the subject goods are animal feed or not.



4. No prejudice will be caused to the respondents 1 and 2 if they are directed to clarify by passing an order as to whether the subject goods of the petitioner based on the lab report obtained by the Customs Department are an animal feed or not. The respondents 1 and 2 are directed to place on record the clarification letter on the next hearing date before this Court.

5. Mr.Rajnish Pathiyil, learned Senior Panel Counsel, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents, and he seeks time to file counter affidavit in the main writ petition.

Post the matter for counter and disposal on 11.03.2026.

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