

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-04-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 14900 of 2026 and WMP.Nos.16140 & 16138 of 2026

C.Sathyamoorthy

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Director of Handloom,
2nd Floor, Kuralagam, chennai-104.

2.The Assistant Director,
Handloom Department, Coimbatore and
District.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, calling for the records of the 2nd respondent issued in relation to the proceedings issued in T.K.No.4160/2025 dated 07.02.2026 and quash the same and issue a consequential direction to the 2nd respondent to drop the proceedings initiated under section 87(1) of the Tamilnadu Co-Operative Societies Act as against the petitioner.

For Petitioner: Mr.R.Saseetharan
For Respondents: Mr.R.Murthi
Government Advocate

ORDER

This writ petition is challenging the proceedings of the second respondent issued in relation to the proceedings issued in T.K.No.4160/2025 dated 07.02.2026, quash the same and issue a consequential direction to the 2nd respondent to drop the proceedings initiated under section 87(1) of the Tamilnadu Co-Operative Societies Act as against the petitioner.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner is a Handloom Control Officer working under the Department of Handloom and took charge as



Administrator of the Society Sennampalayam Women Handlooms Weavers Cooperative Society. The petitioner sold 7462 sarees and the sale price is

credited to the account of society and for the said sale, a rebate at the rate of 20% is recommended by the petitioner and the same is pending for sanction, however, the second respondent has initiated proceedings under Sections 87 of Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Act as if the petitioner has caused loss to the society. It is the contention of the petitioner that the rebate at the rate of 20% is pending for sanction and in such circumstances, it cannot be said that loss is caused to the society. Challenging the surcharge proceedings, the present writ petition is filed.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that approval for rebate is pending on the file of the first respondent, however, as against the surcharge proceedings, there is an effective appeal remedy available before the appellate authority. Hence, seeks for liberty to the petitioner to approach the appellate authority.

4. Heard both sides and perused the materials placed on record. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court without going into the merits of the case grants liberty to the petitioner to approach the appellate authority for appropriate remedy within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this Order. Till such time, the respondents are



directed not to take any coercive steps as against the petitioner.

5. Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions stand closed.

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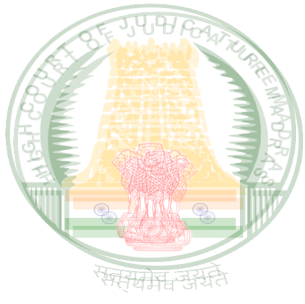
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