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WESTERN GHATS FOREST PROTECTION

BUY BACK SCHEME

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N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.

AND

D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

Order Dated : 15.07.2022

The learned counsel appearing for the Tamilnadu State Marketing Corporation Limited (TASMAC) submitted that to extend the buy back scheme for the entire State the discussion is on the way to formulate a concrete scheme and also there is a consultation with the Government and requires further time of the three months to come out with a scheme.

2. We are of the view that three months time is not required to take concrete steps for discussion. Hence, to come up with a scheme time is extended till 16.08.2022.

3. The TASMAC must come up with a scheme to extend the Buy Back Scheme and meanwhile they also explore the possibility of taking back the



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bottles by the manufacturers themselves. TASMAC also to include necessary condition in the contract with manufacturers to take back the bottles and file a detailed scheme.

4. The TASMAC is also directed to keep the excess amount in a separate account, not use that amount for any other purpose and file a Status Report in the next hearing about the amount unspent.

5. We have directed the TASMAC, in Para 3 of our Order dated 24.06.2022 to comply with the directions of this Court with regard to advertisements in Newspapers as well as the print and electronic media, pressing the importance of returning the empty liquor bottles to save the environment. In this regard TASMAC is directed to file a Report in the next hearing without fail.

6. Last hearing we have also directed the Commissioner, Excise Department to issue necessary circulars to FRL2/FEL3 license holders, who run the bars, to return all the bottles to the TASMAC. No compliance report is filed in this regard. Hence, the Commissioner of Excise Department is directed to file Report on the next hearing without fail.



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(N.S.K.,J.) (D.B.C.,J.)
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