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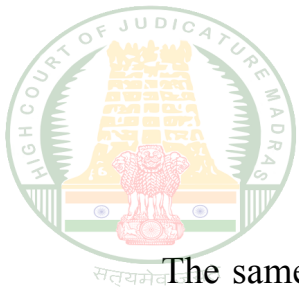
D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.

BUY BACK SCHEME:

Status Report filed by the Managing Director, TASMAC, indicating the nature of the empty bottles collected from the TASMAC bar. The details of collection of empty bottles as on 20.09.2023 is as follows:

Details of collection of Empty Bottles in Hill areas as on 20.09.2023

Sl. No	Name of the District	No. of Shops	No. of Bottles sold to customer	No. of Empty Bottles returned from customer	Percentage of Bottles returned (%)	Extra Amount of Rs.10/- collected	Amount Refunded	Balance Amount
1	Vellore	2	14,06,634	13,86,825	99%	1,40,66,340	1,38,68,250	1,98,090
2	Salem	3	19,50,076	18,68,409	96%	1,95,00,760	1,86,84,090	8,16,670
3	Dindigul	9	73,39,758	70,31,289	96%	7,33,97,580	7,03,12,890	30,84,690
4	The Nilgiris	73	4,25,58,363	3,91,80,988	92%	42,55,83,630	39,18,09,880	3,37,73,750
5	Namakkal	3	22,74,100	21,25,865	93%	2,27,41,000	2,12,58,650	14,82,350
6	Coimbatore (South)	129	5,13,57,932	4,97,95,440	97%	51,35,79,320	49,79,54,400	1,56,24,920
7	Erode	3	12,48,163	12,05,331	97%	1,24,81,630	1,20,53,310	4,28,320
8	Krishnagiri	2	9,02,680	8,83,209	98%	90,26,800	88,32,090	1,94,710
9	Dharmapuri	1	5,12,566	5,08,653	99%	51,25,660	50,86,530	39,130
10	Tiruvannamalai	2	10,98,519	10,65,413	97%	1,09,85,190	1,06,54,130	3,31,060
11	Coimbatore (North)	155	5,44,78,643	5,23,14,047	96%	54,47,86,430	52,31,40,470	2,16,45,960
12	Perambalur	33	13,02,025	10,40,309	80%	1,30,20,250	1,04,03,090	26,17,160
Total		415	11,06,48,791	10,50,51,422	95%	110,64,87,910	105,05,14,220	5,59,73,690



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The same clearly indicates that substantial empty bottles are coming back, are not going to field and also not causing detriment to environment.

2. In para 5 of the Status Report it is stated that the Buy-Back Scheme will be implemented in Thiruvarur and Nagapattinam Districts from 15th November 2023, and in the Kanyakumar, Theni and Dharmapuri Districts from 1st December 2023. It is submitted by the learned Additional Advocate General that the amount collected in the 5 (five) Districts are deposited in a separate bank accounts. It is further submitted that TASMAL is taking all measures to implement the buy-back scheme in the remaining districts within a span of twelve months in a phased manner. For filing Report to show the progress in the matter, post on 08.12.2023.

3. Learned Counsel Mr.C. Mohan submitted that despite the order of this Court to the TASMAL to collect the empty bottles in Buy Back Scheme, now online tender has been floated to collect the bottles from the bar. Though we have already ordered that the liquor empty bottles have to be collected by TASMAL from the TASMAL Bar owners, the ultimate object is to collect the liquor empty bottles. Therefore, merely because tender has been issued, we are



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of the view that the same cannot be challenged in this proceedings.

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COLLECTION OF PET BOTTLES AND PLASTIC WASTE:

As far as the collection of Plastic Bottles are concerned, the learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner has brought to the notice of this Court that inspite of establishing permanent check points, all the vehicles are not checked. Already on 02.11.2022 this Court has ordered that checking has to be conducted routinely and not on random wise. The learned Additional Advocate General seeks time to get instruction and would submit that it is also the endeavour of the respondents to check all the vehicles. Requested further time file a compliance report before this Court. Post the matter on 08.11.2023.

2. As regards the collection of pet bottles and plastic waste, the Permanent Collection Centre in the entry point of Kodaikanal, the learned Additional Advocate General seeks time to file status report. Hence post on 08.11.2023.

[N.S.K., J.] [D.B.C., J.]
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