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ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
ORIGINAL SIDE

WPO/110/2026

M/S. VINAYAK OIL AND FATS PVT. LTD.
VS
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE KAUSIK CHANDA

Date: 8th April, 2026.

Appearance:

Mr. Arijit Chakrabarti, Adv.

Mr. Prabir Bera, Adv.

..for the petitioner

Mr. Tilak Mitra, Adv.

Mr. Soumen Bhattacharjee, Adv.

Mr. Ankan Das, Adv.

Mr. Raunak Seal, Adv.

Ms. Shradhya Ghosh, Adv.

..for Union of India

The Court : *Prima facie*, it appears that the impugned order of refusal of licence (DEL order dated 10th February, 2026) has been passed by the Deputy Director General, respondent no.4 without issuing any prior notice or providing an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

It appears that the said order issued in purported exercise of power conferred under Section 9 of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 read with Rule 7(1)(k) of the Foreign Trade (Regulation) Rules, 1993, whereby the petitioner has faced with civil consequences causing prejudice to him.

In view of the aforesaid, there shall be stay of operation of the impugned order of refusal of licence (DEL order dated 10th February, 2026) for a period of eight weeks from date.

Let the respondents file affidavit-in-opposition within a period of three weeks from date; reply thereto, if any, may be filed by the petitioner within two weeks thereafter.

List this matter after six weeks under the same heading.

(KAUSIK CHANDA, J.)

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