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SLP(C)No. 23026 OF 2003
ITEM No.2

Court No. 4

SECTION XII

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No.23026/2003

(From the judgement and order dated 28/11/2003 in WPMP NO.36842/2003 IN W.P.No.30158/2003 of The HIGH COURT OF MADRAS)

STATE OF TAMIL NADU & ORS.

Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

A. VARADHARAJAN

Respondent (s)

(With appln. for exemption from filing c/c of the impugned judgment and with prayer for interim relief)

Date : 03/12/2003 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK BHAN

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE AR. LAKSHMANAN(Did not participate)

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Issue notice. Notice on the prayer for interim relief also.

Shri Venugopal, learned senior advocate states that only Tamil Nadu State Marketing Corporation Limited would carry on the retail vending of Indian made foreign liquor in the State of Tamil Nadu under the Ordinance hereinafter.

In view of this statement, we suspend the operation of the order under challenge in this special leave petition.

This order shall cease to have effect as and when any judgment is delivered by the High Court. We further clarify that this order shall not be construed by the High Court as an expression of opinion on merits by this Court. The same shall not come in the way of the High Court to decide the matter on merit in any way.

(Vijay Kumar Sharma)(Janki Bhatia)
AR cum PS to Hon.Judge Court Master