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Civil Appeal No(s). 4039-4053/2009

KOMALAN ETC. ETC.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KERALA AND ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With appln. (s) for intervention and intervention and interim relief and office report)

WITH

C.A. No. 4986-4987/2009

(With C.A. No. 5391/2009
(With Interim Relief and Office Report)

C.A. No. 5392/2009
(With Interim Relief and Office Report)

C.A. No. 7650/2009
(With Interim Relief and Office Report)

C.A. No. 8337-8339/2009
(With Interim Relief and Office Report)

C.A. No. 8506-8508/2009
(With Interim Relief and Office Report)

C.A. No. 8509/2009
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C.A. No. 8652/2009
(With Interim Relief and Office Report)

C.A. No. 8653/2009
(With Interim Relief and Office Report)

C.A. No. 1125-1129/2010
(With Interim Relief and Office Report)

C.A. No. 2245-2251/2010
(With Interim Relief and Office Report)

C.A. No. 2441-2442/2010
(With Interim Relief and Office Report)

C.A. No. 4581-4593/2010
(With Interim Relief and Office Report)

C.A. No. 4730/2010
(With Interim Relief and Office Report)

C.A. No. 5910-5911/2010

C.A. No. 7345/2010

C.A. No. 10054-10057/2010

SLP(Cr1) No. 3263-3266/2011
(With Office Report)

C.A. No. 5078/2011

C.A. No. 7223-7224/2011

C.A. No. 6760/2012

Date : 10/03/2015 These appeals were called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

In terms of the previous order dated 14.01.2015, the State of Kerala was required to consider the necessity / feasibility of an amendment of the relevant Rules prescribing the maximum alcohol content in different varieties of Toddy i.e. Sago Palm Toddy, Palmyra Palm Toddy and Coconut Palm Toddy. The question of retention of the alcohol content in the aforesaid species of toddy was required to be considered in the light of the recommendations of the Bureau of Indian Standards. We are told that the Bureau of Indian Standards had sent its report to the State of Kerala and the matter is being considered by a High Powered Committee of the State Government today i.e. 10th March, 2015.

By our aforesaid order, we had also directed the State of Kerala to take note of the recommendations of its duly constituted Committee with regard to the consumption of toddy within 12 hours of collection / tapping and the recommendations received in this regard for enlargement of the said period to 3-4 days and the representations submitted by the All India Toddy Tappers Workers Federation and Kerala State Toddy Shop Contractors Associations.

As the decision of the State is awaited and, in fact, the meeting of the High Powered Committee is being held today, we, therefore, adjourn this case to 25th March, 2015 for consideration on which date the decision as may have been taken by the State shall be placed before the Court by means of an affidavit of the competent authority of the State, preferably, of the Chief Secretary.

(MEENAKSHI KOHLI)
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