

ITEM NO.17

COURT NO.2

SECTION XII

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 9839/2017

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14/02/2017  
in WP No. 297/2017 passed by the High Court Of Madras)

TAMIL NADU CENTRE FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION,  
REP BY K.K. RAMESH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF TAMIL NADU AND ANR

Respondent(s)

(office report)

Date : 03/05/2017 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPAK MISRA  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.M. KHANWILKAR  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MOHAN M. SHANTANAGOUDAR

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

Heard Mr. Gopal Shankarnarayanan, learned *amicus curiae* for  
the petitioner. In his written note, learned *amicus curiae* apart  
from narrating the facts, had given certain short-term and  
long-term suggestions. As advised at present, we intend to focus

on two aspects. One aspect pertains to availability of awareness pertaining to Minimum Support Price (MSP). Learned *amicus curiae* has produced the same in a tabular chart. It reads as follows :-

"MSP currently covers 26 crops

Aereals (7)	Pulses (5)	Oilseeds (8)	Others (6)
Paddy	Gram	Groundnut	Dehusked Coconut
Wheat	Arhar/Tur	Rapeseed/ Mustard	Raw Cotton
Barley	Moong	Toria	Raw Jute
Jowar	Urad	Soyabean	Virginia flu cured Tobacco
Bajra	Lentil	Sunflower seed	Copra
Maize		Niger seed	Sugarcane
Ragi		Safflowerseed	
		Sesame eed	

Procurement of crops is done by Food Corporation of India along with state agencies. Like the MSP, the state governments procure perishable commodities like fresh vegetables at a minimum price which is called Market Intervention scheme (MIS) "

The second aspect pertains to establishment of *mandis* within an acceptable radius of the holdings and for opening of procurement centres on time.

Mr. P.S. Narsimha, learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the State of Tamil Nadu, submits that a resume has been set out for awareness camps and also steps have been taken to have *mandis* which are easily accessible and procurement centres have been opened.

We also made a query whether there is any programme in Doordarshan to make aware the farmers about the MSP, establishment of *mandies* and procurement centres. Mr. Narsimha prayed for three

days' time to obtain instructions in this regard and also submitted that, if anything is required to be done, he shall give suggestions and thereafter this Court can direct.

Mr. Shankarnarayanan, learned *amicus curiae*, shall also give suggestions how to spread the awareness amongst the farmers and apart from the modes adopted by the Government, if anything else can be thought of.

Mr. Narasimha, very fairly, stated that he does not take it as an adversarial litigation but a litigation in which the State must play a participative role. We appreciate the stand taken by the State.

Let the matter be listed on 8.5.2017.

(Gulshan Kumar Arora)  
Court Master

(H.S. Parasher)  
Court Master