

GRENADA

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL

Civil Appeal No. 2 of 1998

BETWEEN:

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Appellant

and

SISSONS PAINTS (TRINIDAD) LIMITED

Respondents

Before: The Hon. Mr. Justice Satrohan Singh Justice of Appeal
The Hon. Mr. Justice Albert Redhead Justice of Appeal
The Hon. Mr. Justice Albert Matthew Justice of Appeal (Ag.)

Appearances: Mr. Keith Friday, Solicitor General, Miss Tamara Gill with
him for Appellant.
Mrs. Linda Grant for the Respondents.

1998: July 17

JUDGMENT

SINGH, J.A.

We have agreed to disagree with the submissions of the learned Solicitor General in the matter and to agree with the submissions of learned Counsel for the respondents. We endorse the judgment of the trial Judge.

When consideration is given to the scheme and purpose of the Alien Landholding Licence Act, we are of the view that S. 19 therein is not as clear and unambiguous as Mr. Friday submitted it to be.

Accordingly we are persuaded like the trial Judge to look for aid to its construction to the long title of Act and to purpose of the Act generally.

Having done so we are not persuaded that the word Ashare@ in S.19 includes share in a company that did not hold land. In our judgment, the Act was created to regulate the holding of land by aliens and the holding of land by companies under alien control.

Accordingly we order that this appeal do stand dismissed with costs to the respondents. The judgment of the trial judge is affirmed.

Because of our approval of the judgment of the trial Judge, we do not consider it necessary to put our decision in writing unless it becomes absolutely necessary, in which case we will elaborate on these reasons. We feel the Judge has said it all in his judgment.

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SATROHAN SINGH
Justice of Appeal

I Concur

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ALBERT REDHEAD
Justice of Appeal

I Concur

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A.N.J. MATTHEW
Justice of Appeal (Ag.)