



WP(MD)Nos.12597, 12919, 12736 of 2018

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 28.11.2023

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI**

**WP(MD)Nos.12597, 12919, 12736 of 2018**  
**and**  
**WMP(MD)Nos.11479, 11480, 11630 to 11632,**  
**11805 to 11807 of 2018**

**WP(MD)No.12597 of 2018:-**

S.Gokula Krishnan

.. Petitioner

v.

- 1.The Secretary, TRAI,  
Doorsanchar Bhawan (Next to Zakir Hussain College),  
Mahanagar, Jawaharlal Nehru Marg (Old Minto Road),  
New Delhi – 110 002.
- 2.The Secretary,  
Honourable Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,  
'A' Wing Shastri Bhawan,  
New Delhi – 110 001.
- 3.The Managing Director,  
Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd.,  
Dugar Towers, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
123, Marshal Road,  
Egmore, Chennai – 600 008.



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4.The Deputy Manager / Special Tahsildar,  
Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd.,  
Madurai District Collector Campus,  
Madurai – 625 020.

5.M.Parthasarathy

.. Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records pertaining to the impugned order under notification dated 16.05.2018 in Tender No.TACTV/Local Channels/2/2018 passed by the third respondent, quash the same and directing the respondents 3 & 4 to conduct public auction for local channels of the TACTV which can / must be retransmitted only from the digital addressable system of TACTV in Chennai, as it is restricted as per the provincial license granted to the TACTV by the second respondent, according to the regulations of the first respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.M.Vishnu Varthanan

For Respondents : Mr.S.Jeyasingh for R.1

Mr.Murugesan for R.2

Mr.David Sundar Singh for R.3

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**WP(MD)No.12736 of 2018:-**

**SR TV (PLC No.55985)**

Through its Proprietor

N.Swaminathan

.. Petitioner

v.

1.The Government of India,  
Through its Secretary,  
Department of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting,  
Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.

2.The Managing Director,  
Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd.,  
34/123, Dugar Towers, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Egmore, Chennai.

3.The District Collector,  
Pudukottai District,  
Pudukottai.

4.The Special Tahsildar,  
Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd.,  
Pudukottai District.

.. Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a Writ of Certiorari calling for the records pertaining to the impugned tender notification dated 16.05.2018 issued by the second respondent in Tender No.TACTV/Local Channels/2/2018 and quash the same insofar as Pudukottai District is concerned.



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For Petitioner : Mr.K.N.Govardhanan

For Respondents : Mr.J.K.Jeyaseelan,  
Government Advocate for R.2 to R.4  
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King TV

A Unit of King Traders

Rep. by its Proprietor

A.Vasim Raja

.. Petitioner

v.

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Egmore, Chennai – 600 008.

4.The Deputy Manager / Special Tahsildar,

Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd.,  
Trichy District Collector Campus,  
Trichy.

.. Respondents



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For Petitioner : Mr.P.Sivachandran

For Respondents : Mr.S.Jeyasingh for R.1, R.2

Mr.David Sundar Singh for R.3

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### **COMMON ORDER**

The petitioners are Private Local Channels (PLC). They have challenged the tender cum auction notification issued by the Arasu Cable TV Corporation in the year 2018 that the Arasu Cable TV Corporation is not supposed to conduct hybrid mode of analog as well as digital mode.



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**WEB COP** 2. During the relevant period, the Arasu Cable TV Corporation was not provided with the digital license. But now, the Arasu Cable TV Corporation is telecasting only through digital mode.

3. In view of the subsequent development and the passage of time, these writ petitions are closed as no further order is required to be passed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

Index : Yes / No  
NCC : Yes / No  
Internet : Yes  
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To

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Madurai – 625 020.

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3.The District Collector,  
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Pudukottai.

4.The Special Tahsildar,  
Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Ltd.,  
Pudukottai District.

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**B.PUGALENDHI, J.**

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