

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 30/9/2015

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SATISH K. AGNIHOTRI
AND
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.SASIDHARAN

W.P.No.29215 of 2015
and
M.P.Nos.1 and 2 of 2015

Dr.P.L.Prakash

...Petitioner

Vs

1. Government of Tamil Nadu
rep. By its Secretary to Government
Housing and Urban Development,
Fort St. George
Chennai 600 009.
2. The Member Secretary
Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority
Thalamuthu Natarajan Building
No.1 Gandhi Irwin Road
Egmore
Chennai 600 008.

...Respondents

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution seeking for the issuance of a writ of certiorarified mandamus to call for the records of the first respondent in Letter No.14409/UD-VI(2)/2015-1, dated 24/8/2015 in rejecting petitioner's appeal filed under Section 80-A of the Town and Country Planning Act as against locking and sealing and demolition decision of officials of the Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority for the building put up at No.29 Subramania Koil 1st Street, Zamin Pallavaram, Chennai 600 043, by quashing the same and consequently direct the respondents to regularise the building put up in the aforementioned property.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Mohan

For Respondents : Mr.P.S.Sivashanmugasundaram
Special Government Pleader
for R.1
Mr.N. Sampath
for R.2.

O R D E R

(Delivered by SATISH K. AGNIHOTRI, J.,)

Mr.P.S.Sivashnamugasundaram, learned Special Government Pleader, accepts notice for the first respondent. Mr.N.Sampath, learned counsel, accepts notice for the second respondent. With the consent of the learned counsel for the parties, the writ petition is taken up for final disposal.

2. This writ petition is filed seeking to quash the order of the first respondent dated 24 August, 2015 wherein the petitioner's Appeal Petition filed under Section 80-A of the Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971 (for short "The Act"), has been rejected as premature and also for a direction to the respondents to regularise the building put up in the aforementioned property.

3. The issue involved herein is as to whether the Special Revision under Section 80-A of the Act is maintainable against the decision taken under the provisions of Sections 56 (2-A) and 57 (4) of the Act, without insisting on the locking and sealing of the premises.

4. This Division Bench, in the judgment delivered on 29 September, 2015, considered the aforestated issue, in extenso, in Lalithkumar C. Soni - Vs. - Government of Tamil Nadu and others¹ and held as under:-

" (15). We therefore hold that a special revision petition under Section 80-A of the Act is maintainable before the Government against the decision taken by the appropriate Planning Authority in respect of locking and sealing the premises under sub Section (2-A) of Section 56 or under sub section (4) of Section 57, even before resorting to the act of locking and sealing. In short, sealing the premises is not a condition precedent for filing special revision petition under Section 80-A of the Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971 as amended by Tamil

1 W.A.Nos. 16392 of 2015 batch.

Nadu Act 61 of 2008.

16. In the result, the impugned orders are set aside. The petitioners are given liberty to represent the special revision petitions under Section 80-A of the Act. In case of such re-presentation within a period of two weeks from today, every effort shall be taken by the Government to dispose of the matter within the statutory period.

17. In the upshot, we allow the Writ Petitions."

5. In that view of the matter, this writ petition is allowed and the impugned order is set aside on the same terms. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

-Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(cs-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

mvs.

To

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cp 12/10/2015

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