

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18.07.2016

CORAM :

The Hon'ble MR.SANJAY KISHAN KAUL, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

The Hon'ble MR.JUSTICE R.MAHADEVAN

W.P. No.21819 of 2011

and

M.P.Nos.1 to 3 of 2011

Vasan @ Sakthi Vasan ... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The Secretary to the Union of India,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,
A Wing, Shastri Bhavan,
Rajendra Prasad Road,
New Delhi-110 001.
- 2.The Secretary to the Union of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.
- 3.The Cabinet Secretary to the Union of India,
New Delhi.
- 4.The Chairman,
Parliamentary Standing Affairs Committee,
Union of India,
New Delhi.
- 5.The Secretary to Union of India,
Union Law Ministry,
New Delhi.
- 6.The Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu,
Fort St. George,
Chennai.
- 7.The Secretary to the State of Tamil Nadu,
Law Ministry,
Fort St. George, Chennai.

8.The Chairperson,
Consultative Committee,
For Ministry of Information and Broadcasting,
New Delhi. .. Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issue of Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to establish a Separate Statutory Regulatory Body to Monitor, Regulate and Check the Private Channels as well as the programmes telecast by them.

For Petitioner : Dr.G.Krishnamurthi

For Respondents : **M/s. N. Sivabharathi**
Central Government Counsel for
R1 to R5 & R8*

Mr.V.Shanmugasundar
Govt. Advocate for R6 & R7

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(Order of the Court was made by The Hon'ble Chief Justice)

The petitioner has filed the writ petition seeking directions to the respondents to monitor/regulate, censor and check the private TV Channels as well as the programmes telecast by them by an independent Statutory Regulatory Body.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in fact, an order has been passed on 19.02.2008 by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, which has come to notice subsequently, but for the reasons best known, it had not been given adequate publicity. The order covers the subject matter in issue, but he submits that there are some administrative actions required to be implemented by the State Government in pursuance to this order.

3. We are, thus, of the view that the subject matter in the present writ petition does not survive and it is for the respondent authorities now to act in pursuance to the order issued.

4. The writ petition is closed. Consequently, all connected miscellaneous petitions are also closed.

-s/d-
Assistant Registrar
dt. 26.07.2016

Appearance of Advocate is amended
as the letter given by Mr.N. Sivabharathi,
Advocate

-s/d-
Assistant Registrar
dt. 29.09.2016

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

To

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To be substituted
to the order already
despatched on
30.08.2016

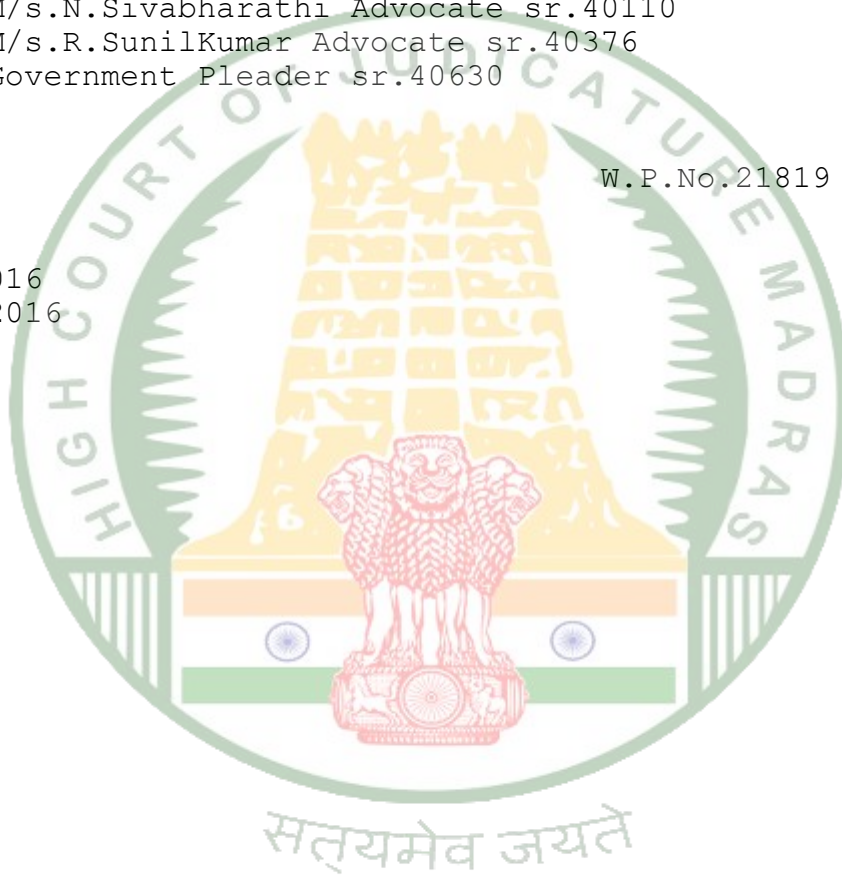
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+1 cc to M/s.N.Sivabharathi Advocate sr.40110
+1 cc to M/s.R.SunilKumar Advocate sr.40376
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