

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14.06.2016

CORAM :

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

AND

The Hon'ble MR.JUSTICE R.MAHADEVAN

W.P. No.29214 of 2015

A.Syed Ansari ... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.Union of India
Rep. by its Secretary,
Ministry of Communications & Information
Technology, Electronics Niketan,
6, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi 110 003.
- 2.Dept. Of Administrative Reforms &
Public Grievance, Rep. by its
Director, Ministry of Personnel, Public
Grievance and Pensions, Sardar Patel
Bhawan, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.
- 3.National Informatics Centre,
Rep. by its Director General,
Dept. of Electronics & Information Technology,
Ministry of Communications & Information
Technology, A-Block, CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110 003.
- 4.Chief Commissioner for Persons with
Disabilities, Sarojini House, 6,
Bhagwan Dass Road, New Dehli 110 001. ... Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issue of Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to forthwith ensure that all Government websites are made compliant with the Guidelines for Indian Government Websites (GIGW) incorporating the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) content accessibility guidelines within a time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Yogeshwaran
For Respondents : Mr.Venkatesamy Babu
Spl.Panel Counsel for Cen.Govt.

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

The counter-affidavit filed by the first respondent leave us to the only one concern, i.e. the time period within which all the websites would be made compliant. This concern arises from apparently only 38 websites being made compliant, as against 2000 websites. We, thus, posed a query to the learned counsel for the respondents as to when is this task expected to be completed, as there are bound to be targets for completing the task. If the pace is the same, then the task would take decades.

2.Learned counsel for the respondents assures us, on instructions, that within a maximum period of one year from today, all the websites would be made compliant.

3.We take the aforesaid statement on record and dispose of the writ petition, leaving the parties to bear their own costs.

4.List on 19.09.2016 to show the progress of compliance.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1.The Secretary,
Govt. of India
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The Section Officer,
Writ Section,
High Court, Madras.

+1cc to M/S.Venkataswamy Babu, Advocate Sr.32195

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