

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 07.08.2017

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The HON'BLE MS.INDIRA BANERJEE, CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
The HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.SUNDAR

W.P.No.18813 of 2017

Ragamathullah,
Proprietor,
M/s.11 Media,
No.7, Anderson Street,
1st Floor, Parrys,
Chennai - 600 001. .. Petitioner

vs.

1.The State, rep. by
The Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai - 600 009.

2.The Commissioner,
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Ripon Buildings,
Chennai - 600 003. ... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the
Constitution of India for issuance of a writ of mandamus
directing the respondents to grant hoarding licenses based
on the petitioner's Application dated 24.11.2016,
06.1.2017, 10.1.2017, 14.02.2017 and 27.02.2017.

For Petitioner

: Mr.M.Rajendiran

For Respondents

: Mr.M.K.Subramanian
Government Pleader
for 1st respondent

Mr.K.Soundararajan
for 2nd respondent

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by M.Sundar, J.)

This writ petition, pertains to grant of licence for erection of advertisement hoardings.

2. It is the say of the writ petitioner that the writ petitioner has submitted applications being applications dated 24.11.2016, 06.1.2017, 10.1.2017, 14.02.2017 and 27.02.2017 to the second respondent before us i.e., Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation seeking licenses for erection of advertisement hoardings.

3. The prayer in the writ petition is for a mandamus to direct the respondents before us i.e., Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration, State of Tamil Nadu and Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation to grant hoarding licence based on the petitioner's application.

4. Entertaining and examining above prayer would tantamount to examining writ petitioner's applications for hoarding licenses on facts and merits, and therefore, we are not inclined to do that exercise, more so when there is a specialized authority to do that.

5. Therefore at the request of/with the consent of the writ petitioner, the prayer is abridged and construed as a request for mandamus to direct the second respondent to dispose of the applications dated 24.11.2016, 06.1.2017, 10.1.2017, 14.2.2017 and 27.02.2017 for licenses for erection of hoardings in accordance with law.

6. Mr.M.K.Subramanian, learned Government Pleader accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1. Mr.K.Soundararajan, learned standing counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2.

7. Learned standing counsel appearing on behalf of the second respondent submits that the applications of the writ petitioner are under active consideration of respondent No.2 and he submits on instructions that the applications

will be disposed of within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

8. The above submission is recorded.

9. In the light of the above submission being recorded, no further orders are required in this writ petition and the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(J)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To:

1.The Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai- 600 009.

2.The Commissioner,
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Ripon Buildings,
Chennai - 600 003.

+ 1 cc to Mr. M. Rajendiran, Advocate SR.56933

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