

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE S.V.BHATT

W.P. No.2386 OF 2012

ORDER:

Heard Mr.Rizwan Shaik for petitioner and the Assistant Government Pleader for Home.

The petitioner prays for the following relief:

“... Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 2nd respondent in interfering with the petitioner's video game shop i.e. Basha Video Games, Piduguralla, Guntur District, on the premise that he is not having valid licence to run video games, as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional and consequently direct the 2nd respondent not to interfere with the petitioners video game shop and not to prosecute the petitioner on the ground of lack of licence to run the video shop....”

On 02.02.2012, this Court after considering the prayer and the applicability of A.P. Gaming Act, 1974, passed the following order:

“Notice before admission.

It is the allegation of the petitioner that he is running a video game centre, for which, no licence is required under the A.P. Gaming Act, 1974. It is submitted that on the ground that the petitioner has not obtained licence, there is interference with his business, by the respondents. The petitioner has also relied on the judgment of this Court in W.P.No.1829 of 1999, dated 03.02.1999, and he also placed on record, an order passed by this Court in W.P.No.21470 of 1999, following the earlier order.

In that view of the matter, pending further orders, there shall be a direction to the respondents not to interfere with the video game centre of the petitioner on the ground that they have not obtained licence under the A.P. Gaming Act. However, it is made clear that if any objectionable activities are noticed, this will not preclude the respondents from taking action in accordance with law.”

The respondents have neither filed counter nor sent instructions to the Assistant Government Pleader.

Having regard to the interim order granted on 02.02.2012, I am satisfied that the writ petition can be disposed of by making interim order as final order. It is further reiterated that the order granted is confined to Video Games. If the petitioner indulges in objectionable activities, the respondents are always free to proceed and act in accordance with law.

The writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

Miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

Date: 24.01.2017
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S.V.BHATT,J