

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10.10.2018

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.RAVICHANDRABAABU

Contempt Petition Nos.1973 to 1981 of 2018

Mr.Nithyaesh Natraj ... Petitioner
(in all contempt petitions)

-vs-

Shri.Radha Krishna Mathur
Chief Information Commissioner
The Central Information Officer /
The Central Information Commission
August Kranti Bhavan, Bhikaji Cama Place,
New Delhi - 110 006. ... Respondent
(in all contempt petitions)

Contempt Petition No.1973 of 2018 filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, to punish the respondent herein for the willful and deliberate disobedience of the order dated 19.03.2018 in WP.No.27134 of 2017.

Contempt Petition No.1974 of 2018 filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, to punish the respondent herein for the willful and deliberate disobedience of the order dated 19.03.2018 in WP.No.27136 of 2017.

Contempt Petition No.1975 of 2018 filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, to punish the respondent herein for the willful and deliberate disobedience of the order dated 19.03.2018 in WP.No.27957 of 2017.

Contempt Petition No.1976 of 2018 filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, to punish the respondent herein for the willful and deliberate disobedience of the order dated 07.12.2017 in WP.No.31387 of 2017.

Contempt Petition No.1977 of 2018 filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, to punish the respondent herein for the willful and deliberate disobedience of the order dated 07.12.2017 in WP.No.31388 of 2017.

Contempt Petition No.1978 of 2018 filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, to punish the respondent herein for the willful and deliberate disobedience of the order dated 07.12.2017 in WP.No.31389 of 2017.

Contempt Petition No.1979 of 2018 filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, to punish the respondent herein for the willful and deliberate disobedience of the order dated 07.12.2017 in WP.No.31391 of 2017.

Contempt Petition No.1980 of 2018 filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, to punish the respondent herein for the willful and deliberate disobedience of the order dated 07.12.2017 in WP.No.31392 of 2017.

Contempt Petition No.1981 of 2018 filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, to punish the respondent herein for the willful and deliberate disobedience of the order dated 07.12.2017 in WP.No.31393 of 2017.

For Petitioner : Mr.L.Narasimha Varman
(in all contempt petitions)
For Respondent : Mr.Venkatasamy Babu
(in all contempt petitions)

C O M M O N O R D E R

These contempt petitions are filed complaining that the orders passed by this Court dated 19.03.2018 in WP.Nos.27134, 27136 & 27957 of 2017, and dated 07.12.2017 in WP.Nos.31387, 31388, 31389, 31391, 31392 & 31393 of 2017 have not been complied with.

2. This Court, while disposing the above said writ petitions, without expressing any view on the merits of the matter, has only directed the respondent to dispose of the second appeals filed by the petitioner within a period of twelve weeks.

3. In these contempt petitions, it is contended by the petitioner that the respondent has not disposed the second appeals within the time stipulated by this Court.

4. After notice, the respondent filed a common counter affidavit stating that the second appeal papers are not available with the respondent and that even though the petitioner was asked to furnish those details, he has not furnished the same.

5. The learned Central Government Standing Counsel, however, submitted that if the petitioner is directed to provide complete and categorical information of the second appeals filed by him before the respondent, further action will be taken on those appeals without any further delay.

6. Since it is stated that the appeal papers were not available with the respondent and it is for the petitioner to furnish one more set of appeal papers which the learned counsel for the petitioner immediately furnished today to the learned counsel for the respondent, this Court is of the view that there is no purpose in keeping these contempt petitions pending any more and the same can be closed. Accordingly, these contempt petitions are closed, by directing the respondent to consider the appeals and pass orders on the same on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of 10 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after hearing the petitioner in person

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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR (COMM. CASES)

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Dated at Madras this the day of 2018.

COURT OFFICER (O.S.)

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