

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10.09.2018

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SUBBIAH
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.PONGIAPPAN

W.P.Nos.16756 to 16759 of 2017

Ad Inn Advertising Services Pvt.Ltd.,
rep by its Managing Director
No.29, 1st Cross Street
Vanamalai Nagar, Bypass Road
Madurai 625 010 .. Petitioner in W.P.No.16756 of 2017

Diamond Publicities
represented by its Proprietor
P.B.Abdul Rahman
2nd Level "Rasheed Mansion"
622, Anna Salai, Thousand Lights
Chennai 600 006 .. Petitioner in W.P.No.16757 of 2017

M/s Apple Ads
rep.by its Sole Proprietor Tushal Agarwal
No.10, Ramalinga Nagar
Kottivakkam
Old Mahabalipuram Road
Chennai 600 041 .. Petitioner in W.P.No.16758 of 2017

Srinivasa Publicity
rep.by its Sole Proprietor K.V.Sukumar
New No.43, Old No.22
Third East Street
Kamalai Nagar, Thiruvannamiyur
Chennai 600 041 .. Petitioner in W.P.No.16759 of 2017

-vs-

1. The Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu
Municipal Administration Department
Fort St.George
Chennai 600 009
2. The Commissioner
Greater Chennai Corporation
Ripon Buildings
Chennai 600 003 ..Respondents in all the Writ Petitions

Petitions under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issue of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the second respondent to grant hoarding licence based on the petitioners' applications in Form-I.

For Petitioners:: Mr.AK.Sriram for
M/s A.S.Kailasam and Associates

For Respondents:: Mr.Akhil Akbar Ali
Government Advocate for R1
Mrs.Narmadha Sampath
Additional Advocate General-VIII
assisted by Mr.R.Arunmozhi
Standing Counsel for R2

ORDER

(Order of the Court was delivered by R.SUBBIAH, J.)

These writ petitions have been filed with a common prayer seeking a mandamus to the Commissioner of Greater Chennai Corporation, the second respondent herein to grant hoarding licences to the petitioners based on their applications in Form-I.

2. Though very many contentions have been raised by the learned counsel for the petitioners in support of the prayer sought for in these writ petitions, now it is submitted by the learned Additional Advocate General for the second respondent that the second respondent has passed orders on 7.9.2018 rejecting the applications of the petitioners. She has also produced the additional typedset containing the copy of the orders despatched to the petitioners.

3. However, the learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioner in W.P.No.16756 of 2017 had submitted the Form-I applications on 14.11.2016, 17.11.2016, 24.11.2016, 16.12.2016 and 19.12.2016 for 23 locations; the petitioner in W.P.No.16757 of 2017 had submitted the Form-I applications on 28.12.2016, 04.01.2017, 09.02.2017 and 09.03.2017 aggregating to 11 locations; the petitioner in W.P.No.16758 of 2017 had submitted the Form-I applications on 28.12.2016, 03.01.2017, 09.01.2017 and 11.04.2017 aggregating to 20 locations and the petitioner in W.P.No.16759 of 2017 had submitted the Form-I application on 01.02.2017 for one location, with all the necessary documents as required under the Rules. Only after the intervention of this Court, the second respondent has now rejected the applications of the petitioners, without assigning any reason, after an enormous delay.

4. Be that as it may. When the second respondent has now passed final orders rejecting the applications of the petitioners for grant of hoarding licences, the petitioners have to work out their remedy by challenging the order of rejection in appropriate proceedings. Hence, these writ petitions are closed with liberty to the petitioners to challenge the orders of rejection in appropriate proceedings, if so advised. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS ix)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

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Chennai 600 009

2. The Commissioner
Greater Chennai Corporation
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Chennai 600 003

+1cc to M/s A.S.Kailasam , Advocate SR.No. 62456

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