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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT  
DATED: 25.04.2018

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **M.S.RAMESH**

W.P.(MD) No.9273 of 2018  
and  
W.M.P.(MD) No.8586 of 2018

L.Saravanapandiyan ... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Additional Director  
Department of Civil Works  
and Estates (RD-28)  
Defence Research and  
Development Organization  
'A' Wing, DRDO Bhawan  
Rajaji Marg, New Delhi-110 011

2.The Estate Manager  
Estate Management Unit (R&D)  
Aavadi, Chennai-600 054

3.The District Collector  
Office of the District Collector  
Ramanathapuram District  
Ramanathapuram

4.The Deputy Superintendent of Police  
Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police  
Rameswaram Sub-Division  
Ramanathapuram District

5.The Inspector of Police  
Thangachimadam Police Station  
Ramanathapuram District

... Respondents

**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 and 2 to permit the petitioner's wife Megalakumari and his nephew P.Murugavel continue to take professional instant photographs at former President Dr.A.P.J.Abdulkalam Memorial at Peikarumbu in Rameswaram.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Malaikani

For Respondents : Mr.H.Lakshmishankar, Standing  
Counsel for R1

Mr.S.Nagarajan

Special Government Pleader for R3 to R5

**ORDER**

Mr.H.Lakshmishankar, learned Standing Counsel takes notice for the first respondent and Mr.S.Nagarajan, learned Special Government Pleader, takes notice for the respondents 3 to 5. Notice to the second respondent is dispensed with in view of nature of the order to be passed by this Court

2. By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

3. The decision to permit the petitioner's wife and nephew to act as Professional Photographers at the Memorial of the Former President Dr.A.P.J.Abdulkalam is within the powers of the first respondent alone and this Court may not be justified in directing them to consider the petitioner's request. Nevertheless, it would be appropriate if the representation given by the aspirants is directed to be considered within a time frame.

4. The learned Standing Counsel for the first respondent submitted that they have not received any representations from the petitioner's wife and nephew.

5. In this background, the petitioner's wife Megalakumari and nephew P.Murugavel are granted liberty to make a suitable representation forthwith to the first respondent ventilating their grievances and on receipt of such representation, the first respondent shall consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders, within a period of six weeks thereafter. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its view on the claim made by the petitioner in the present writ petition.

6. With the above directions, the writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-

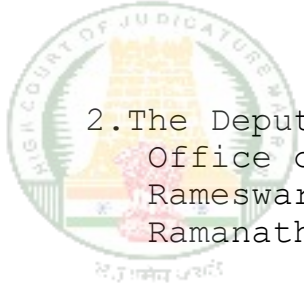
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+1CC to Mr.H.Lakshmishankar, Advocate, SR.NO.63375.

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