

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated: 15/7/2019

C O R A M

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.MANIKUMAR
AND
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

Writ Petition No.15140 of 2019

P. Subramanian ... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Government of India
rep. By the Secretary
Department of Textile
New Delhi.
 2. The Government of Tamil Nadu
rep. By its Secretary
Department of Tamil Language, Tamil Culture
and Archaeology
Fort St. George
Chennai.
 3. The Development Commissioner
Handicrafts
R.K.Puram
New Delhi.
 4. The Regional Director (SR)
Office of the DCH
Shastri Bhawan
Haddows Road
Chennai.
- ... Respondents

Prayer Petition filed under Article 226 of the
Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a writ of
mandamus, restraining the respondents from shifting
"Sangita Vadyalaya" from Chennai to New Delhi.

For petitioner

... Mr.P.S.Arun Kumar
for M/s. RRN Legal

For respondents

... Ms.S.S.Meenakumary
Sr.CGSC
for R.R.1, 3 and 4.

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(Order of the Court was made by S.Manikumar,J)

Petitioner has sought for a writ of mandamus, restraining the respondents, from shifting "Sangita Vadyalaya" from Chennai to New Delhi.

2. On this day, when the matter came up for hearing, based on the letter, dated 6/6/2019, Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handi-crafts), addressed to the writ petitioner, President, Southern Handi-craft Industry Association, Chennai, Mr.P.S.Arun Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the competent authority has given his consent that DCMI, at Chennai, be retained at its place along with instruments for the time being. Letter, dated 6/6/2029, of the Assistant Director (C & P), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, reads thus:-

No.K-12012/6/19/2015-16C&P/Pt-I/818

Government of India

Ministry of Textiles

Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

West Block No.7, R.K.Puram

New Delhi 110 066

Dated: 6/6/2019

To

Shri P.Subramanian

President

Southern Handicrafts, Industry Association

No.F-8, 10th Street

Sector - I, South Avenue Road

Industrial Estate, Ambattur

Chennai 600 058.

Sub: Shifting of ancient rare musical instruments museum maintained by DC (H), Chennai Office - A prideful culture heritage for South India is strongly objected by social activists and others - Request to drop the proposal of shifting out of Chennai - reg.

"Please refer to your letter No.SHI-Assn/DC/2019-20, dated 18th May 2019, on the above cited subject.

In this connection, I am directed to inform you that competent authority has given his consent that DCMI should be retained at its place along with instrument for the time being,

The issues with the approval of competent authority."

3. Though Mr.P.S.Arunkumar, learned counsel for the petitioner, insisted that musical instruments be retained permanently by Development Commissioner for musical instruments, we are not inclined to issue any such directions. In the light of the letter, dated 6/6/2019, directing retention of rare musical instruments by the Development Commissioner for musical instruments, at Chennai, instant writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition No.15121 of 2019 is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

mvs.

To

1. The Secretary
Government of India
Department of Textile
New Delhi.

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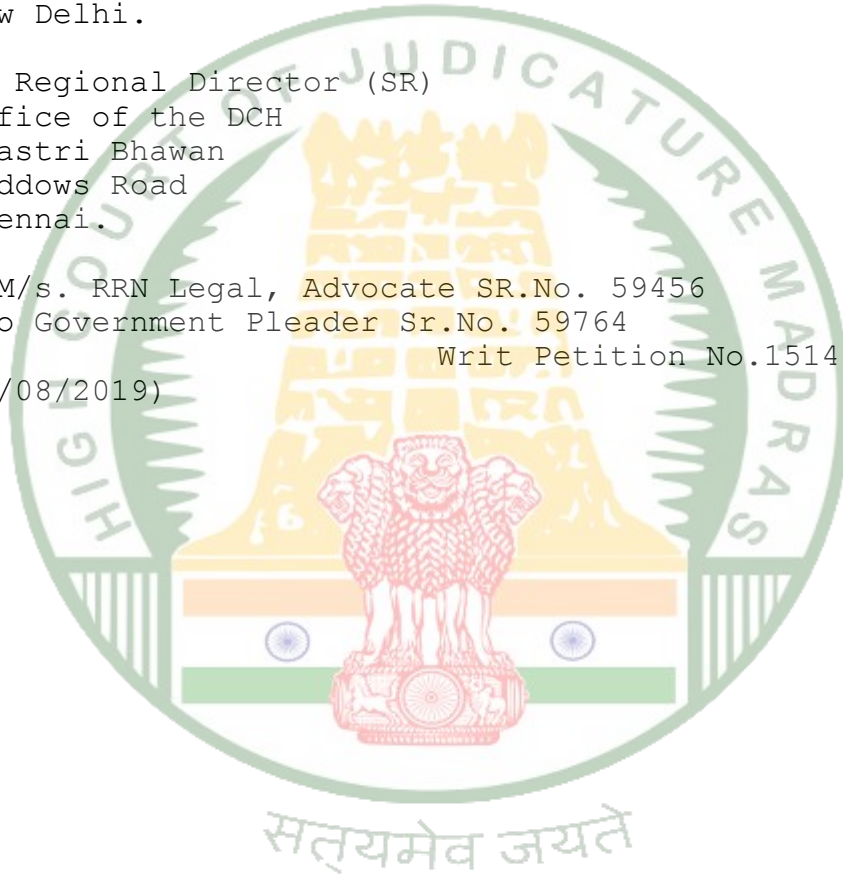
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+1cc to M/s. RRN Legal, Advocate SR.No. 59456

+1 cc to Government Pleader Sr.No. 59764

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