

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.11.2019

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THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT PUDUCHERRY.

... RESPONDENT in WP No.9660 of 2011

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari,

WP No.26278 of 2007:

calling for the records of the 1st respondent in Appeal No.1224/2003 confirming the order of the Second respondent in R.No.E1/577/2003 dated 14.4.2003 rejecting the application for grant of countersignature on the route Pondicherry to Chennai via Marakanam, Mahabalipuram, Kovalam and Adayar and to quash the same.

WP No.11577 of 2011

Calling for the records in G.O.Ms.NO.118 Home Department dt.18.2.2011 and quash the same and further direct the respondents to prepare and publish the Supplemental Reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioner Route Puducherry to Neyveli via, Villianur, Ariyur, Madagadipet, Valavanur, Koliyanur Cross Road, Panruti and Vadalur Koot Road

WP No.11626 of 2011

calling for the records in GO MS No.118 Home Department dated 18.2.2011 and quash the same and further direct the respondents to prepare and publish the Supplemental Reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioners route Puducherry to Villupuram (via) Madukarai (2 trips) and Pondicherry to Villupuram (via) Villianur, Kandamangalam (10trips) and pass such other order or orders as this Honourable Court may deem fit

WP No.11637 of 2011

Calling for the proceedings of the first respondent made in G.O.Ms.118 Home Department dated 18.02.2011 and quash the same and direct the respondents to prepare and publish the Supplemental Reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioner Inter State route Puducherry to Villupuram as varied by the Govt. of Puducherry on 09.08.1989 in the said Supplemental Reciprocal Agreement entered into by the Governments of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry under Sec.88 of the Motor Vehicles Act

WP No.11656 of 2011

calling for the records in GO Ms No.118 Home Department dated 18.2.2011 and quash the same and further direct the respondents to prepare and publish the supplemental Reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioners varied route Marakanam to Cuddalore via., Puducherry as varied route by the Govt. of Puducherry and pass such other order or orders as this Honourable Court may deem fit

WP No.11946 of 2011

Calling for the records of the 1st respondent in G.O.Ms.No.118 Home Department dt.18.02.2011 and quash the same in so far as the petitioner concerned and further direct the respondents to prepare and publish the supplementary reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioners Karaikkal to Trichy Via. T.R. Pattinam, Nagapattinam Tiruvarur, Koradacherry, Needamangalam, Tanjore and Sengipatti by the Government of Puducherry.

WP No.11947 of 2011

Calling for the records of the 1st respondent in G.O.Ms.No.118 Home Department dt.18.02.2011 and quash the same in so far as the petitioner concerned and further direct the respondents to prepare and publish the supplementary reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioners Pondicherry to Tindivanam via Kilianur by the Government of Puducherry.

WP No.11948 of 2011

Calling for the records of the 1st respondent in G.O.Ms.No.118 Home Department dt.18.02.2011 and quash the same in so far as the petitioner concerned and further direct the respondents to prepare and publish the supplementary reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioners route Gorimedu to Thirvanthipuram via Thavalakuppam Reddichavady and Cuddalore by the Govt. of Puducherry.

WP No.14647 of 2011

Calling for the records in G.O.Ms.118 Home Department Dated 18.2.2011 and quash the same, further direct the respondents to prepare and publish the Supplemental Reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioner name and route, Cuddalore to Tindivanam (Via) Pondicherry and Kilianur by the Government of Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu

WP No.15724 of 2011

Calling for the records of the 1st Respondent in G.O.Ms.No.118, Home Department, dated 18/2/2011 and to quash the same and further direct the Respondents to prepare and publish the Supplemental Reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioner route, NEDUNGADU to NAGORE

WP No.15725 of 2011

Calling for the records of the 1st Respondent in G.O.Ms.No.118, Home Department, dated 18/2/2011 and to quash the same and further direct the Respondents to prepare and publish the Supplemental Reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioner route, KARAIKAL to KUMBAKONAM

WP No.22117 of 2011

Calling for the records in G.O.Ms.No.118 Home Department dated 18.2.2011 and quash the same and further direct the respondents to prepare and publish the Supplemental Reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioner route Pondicherry to Chennai via. Marakkanam, Mahabalipuram, Kovalam and Adyar by the Govt. of Puducherry

WP No.22118 of 2011

Calling for the records in G.O.Ms.No.118 Home Department dated 18.2.2011 and quash the same and further direct the respondents to prepare and publish the Supplemental Reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioner route Pondicherry to Villupuram via. Villianur, Ariyur, Kandamangalam, Valavanur by the Govt. of Puducherry

WP No.7060 of 2011

calling for the proceedings of the 1st respondent made in G.O. Ms. 118 Home Department dt 18.2.2011 and quash the same and direct the respondents to prepare and publish the Supplemental Reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioners Inter State route Puducherry to Villupuram as varied by the Govt. of Puducherry on 11.4.1994 in the said Supplemental Reciprocal Agreement entered into by the Government of Tamilnadu and Puducherry under sec.88 of the Motor Vehicles Act

WP No.7343 of 2011

writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate order or direction be issued to the State Transport Authority, Chennai to consider the grant of concurrence for variation of the route Pinnatchikuppam to Sanjeevi Nagar as Cuddalore to Sanjeevi Nagar along with the grant of permission for levy of single point tax

WP No.9091 of 2011

calling for the records of the 2nd respondent made in G.O.Ms.No.118 Home (Transport III) dt 18.2.2011 as published in the Tamilnadu Government Gazette extraordinary in Part II Section 2 dt 18.2.2011 and quash the same and direct the 2nd respondent herein to include the petitioners varied route Pondicherry to Thiruvannanallur via Villianur, Kandamangalam, Madagadipet, Valavanur, Villupuram and Arasur also in the supplementary inter state agreement

WP No.9092 of 2011

calling for the records of the 2nd respondent made in G.O.Ms.No.118 Home (Transport III) dt 18.2.2011 as published in the Tamilnadu Government Gazette extraordinary in Part II Section 2 dt 18.2.2011 and quash the same and direct the 2nd respondent herein to include the petitioners varied route Pondicherry to Cuddalore via Reddychavadi and Kannikoil, also in the supplementary inter state agreement

WP No.9093 of 2011

calling for the records of the 1st respondent made in G.O.Ms.No.118 Home (Transport III) dt 18.2.2011 as published in the Tamilnadu Government Gazette extraordinary in Part II Section 2 dt 18.2.2011 and quash the same so far as it pertains to the inclusion of the route of the 4th respondent namely Pondicherry to Cuddalore via Reddychavadi found at sl. No. 24 in Annexure II to the Supplementary Reciprocal Agreement

WP No.9094 of 2011

calling for the records of the 2nd respondent made in G.O.Ms.No.118 Home (Transport III) dt 18.2.2011 as published in the Tamilnadu Government Gazette extraordinary in Part II Section 2 dt 18.2.2011 and quash the same and direct the 2nd respondent herein to include the petitioners varied route with the following pattern of trips namely Anumanthai to Cuddalore via Reddi chavadi 4 singles, Pondicherry to Cuddalore via Reddi chavadi 4 singles and Pondicherry to Cuddalore via Embalam 4 singles also in the supplementary inter state agreement

WP No.9095 of 2011

calling for the records of the 2nd respondent made in G.O.Ms.No.118 Home (Transport III) dt 18.2.2011 as published in the Tamilnadu Government Gazette extraordinary in Part II Section 2 dt 18.2.2011 and quash the same and direct the 2nd respondent herein to include the petitioners varied route Pondicherry to Tindivanam 4 singles and Pondicherry to Sanjeevi Nagar 10 singles also in the supplementary inter state agreement

WP No.9478 of 2011

Calling for the records in G.O.Ms.No.118 Home (Transport-III) Department dated 18.2.2011 issued by the 1st Respondent and quash the same and further direct the respondents to prepare and publish the Supplemental Reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioners varied route Puducherry to Chennai via kilianur, Tindivanam, Madurantagam and Chenglepet as varied route by the Govt. of Puducherry.

WP No.9660 of 2011

Calling for the records in G.O.Ms.No.118 Home (Transport-III) Department dated 18.02.2011 and quash the same and further

direct the respondents to prepare and publish the Supplemental Reciprocal Agreement by including the petitioners varied route Puducherry to Chennai via Kilianur, Tindivanam, Madurantagam and Chenglepet as varied route by the Govt.of Puducherry.

Writ Petition Nos.	For Petitioner	For Respondents
W.P. No.26278 of 2007	Ms.Radhagopalan	R1- Court, Mr.R.P.Pratap Singh, Government Advocate for R2
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W.P. No.11637 of 2011	Mr.Jenasenan	Mr.R.P.Pratap Singh Government Advocate for R1 & R2 Mr.A.V.Ramalingam Additional Government Pleader for R3
W.P. No.7060 of 2011	Mr.Jenasenan	Mr.R.P.Pratap Singh Government Advocate for R1 & R2 Mr.A.V.Ramalingam Additional Government Pleader for R3 Ms.Radhagopalan for R4 & R5
W.P. No.11946 to 11948, 22117 & 22118 9478 & 9660 of 2011	Mr.M.Dinesh	Mr.R.P.Pratap Singh Government Advocate for R1 & R2 Mr.A.V.Ramalingam Additional Government Pleader for R3
W.P. No.14647 of 2011	P.Vedavalle	Mr.R.P.Pratap Singh Government Advocate for R1 & R2 Mr.A.V.Ramalingam Additional Government Pleader for R3

Writ Petition Nos.	For Petitioner	For Respondents
W.P. Nos.15724 & 15725, 7343 of 2011	Mr.K.Hariharan	Mr.R.P.Pratap Singh Government Advocate for R1 Mr.A.V.Ramalingam Additional Government Pleader for R2
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C O M M O N O R D E R

This batch of writ petitions challenges a Government Order in G.O.Ms.118 Home (Tr-III) Department dated 18.02.2011 (Government Order/Order) whereunder a reciprocal agreement has been entered into inter se the Governments of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

2. The historical background to the impugned Government Order commences with a Supplemental Agreement entered into inter se the Governments of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry in terms of Section 88 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (in short 'Act') relating to the operation of stage carriage services by the State Transport Undertaking (STU) and Private Operators, of interstate routes countersigned by Goods Carriage Permits.

3. Various agreements have been executed thereafter from time to time, admittedly to control and regulate the plying of the stage carriage services taking into account the viability of the routes to be included as well as to enhance the quota of the permits, in order to service the demand adequately.

4. Accordingly, Appendix I Part A of the Government Order sets out the original routes as per the 1985 agreement as well as the variations under the subsequent Supplemental Agreements. Appendix II, Part A details the operators entrusted with the number of shuttles.

5. The Writ petitioners challenge the Government Order primarily on the ground that their request for variation of the route has been heard by one Officer whereas the Order has, itself, been passed by a different Officer. Thus, according to them, their objections have not been taken into account while passing the impugned Order resulting in gross violation of the principles of natural justice.

6. The counter affidavit filed by the Governments of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, justifies, the selection of the operator, the procedure adopted as well as the reasons for rejection of variation sought for by the petitioners. I believe that it would be neither appropriate nor necessary to go into the factual particulars put forth at this juncture, seeing as the present agreement has been in force from 2011 till date and there would be no justification to disturb such a long standing arrangement at this distance of time.

7. Learned senior counsel and all learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, in fact, and in all fairness agree that a quashing of the Government Order at this distance of time may hardly be the appropriate remedy. What they seek is that their objections be considered at the next and earliest appropriate juncture as and when the next interstate agreement is entered into by the State of Tamil Nadu. This point is well noted.

8. I have had occasion to consider a similar matter arising in the context of an interstate agreement between the States of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka in W.P.Nos.14371 & 7122 to 7131 of 2008, wherein the Government Order in issue in that matter was challenged and subsequently upheld by the Supreme Court.

9. Thus, while dismissing these Writ Petitions, liberty is granted to the petitioners to seek consideration for issuance of stage transport carriage permits or any other permit as permitted by law in any other subsequent interstate agreement that may be conceived or entered into by and between State Governments. It should specifically be ensured that the objections of the respective operators be taken into account and dealt with in a transparent and satisfactory manner, so as to ensure that there is no violation of principles of natural justice. Connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. No costs.

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