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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 04.09.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.SATHYANARAYANAN

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.RAJAMANICKAM

W.P. (MD)No.10935 of 2020

and

W.M.P (MD)No.9598 of 2020

K.K.Ramesh

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Union of India,
represented by its
Home Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block,
New Delhi - 110 001.

2.The State of Tamil Nadu,
represented by its
Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister,
Chief Minister Office,
Secretariat,
Chennai - 600 009.

3.The State of Tamil Nadu,
represented by its
Principal Secretary,
Revenue and Disaster Management
(D.M.II) Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai - 9.

... Respondents

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records pertaining to the impugned order passed by the third respondent in I (XI) in G.O.Ms.No.396, dated 31.07.2020 and quash the same and direct the second respondent to reopen the operation of the bus services in non-affected COVID-19 Virus Districts.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.K.Ramesh
Party-in-Person

For Respondents : Mr.P.Subbiah
Central Government Standing Counsel for R.1

Mr.K.P.Krishnadoss
Special Government Pleader for R.2 & R.3



ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **M. SATHYANARAYANAN, J.**)

This writ petition styled as a Public Interest Litigation pertains to halting of bus operations on account of onset and spread of COVID-19 pandemic virus and the petitioner/party-in-person challenges the concerned Government Order in this writ petition.

2. Heard the submissions of the petitioner/party-in-person and Mr.P.Subbiah, learned Central Government Standing Counsel accepts notice on behalf of the first respondent and Mr.K.P.Krishnadoss, learned Special Government Pleader accepts notice on behalf of the respondents 2 and 3.

3. It is brought to the notice of this Court that the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, has issued a Notification in Se.Ku.No.185, dated 02.09.2020, in and by which, the inter-district bus operations will be permitted from 07.09.2020, permitting the bus operations both by the Government run Transport Corporations as well as by the private persons/entities. The said communication, dated 02.09.2020, is taken on file and record.

4. In the light of the same, nothing remains for further adjudication in this writ petition.

5. Accordingly, this writ petition stands closed. No costs. Consequently, the connected writ miscellaneous petition is also closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (P&A)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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+1 CC to M/s.K.K. RAMESH, Advocate (SR-16027[F] dated 07/09/2020)

+1 CC to M/s.GP (SR-16122[F] dated 07/09/2020)

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