



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 26.08.2020

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

Contempt Petition(MD) No.1733 of 2018
in
W.P(MD) No.12969 of 2017

The Lawyers Association of Madurai District Court
Represented by its President
A.P.Aathithan :Petitioner/Petitioner

Vs

Tr.S.Swaminathan
The State of Tamil Nadu
Represented by its Secretary
Home (Courts III) Department
Secretariat
Fort St.George
Chennai :Contemnor/1st Respondent

PRAYER: Contempt petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, praying to punish the respondent herein for his wilful disobedience of the order passed by this Court in W.P(MD).No.12969 of 2017 dated 21.09.2017.

Prayer in WP(MD). 12969 of 2017 :

Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court To issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to exempt the petitioner association from paying electricity consumption charges and to provide free electricity to the bar association by considering the petitioners representation dated 02.02.2017 in light of the decision of the High Court of Madhyapradesh in Vinodkumar Bharatwaj Vs State of M.P. AIR 2013 MP 145.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Mohan Gandhi

For Respondent : Mrs.S.Srimathy
Special Government Pleader



O R D E R

The petitioner herein filed W.P(MD).No.12969 of 2017 and the same was disposed of by an order dated 21.09.2017 in the following direction;

"10.Since the Government of Tamil Nadu had already issued G.O.Ms.No.1725, Home (Courts III) Department dated 23.07.1981, in favour of the Madras Bar Association, granting exemption with certain conditions that exemption will be withdrawn as and when the Association occupies any separate buildings of its own or any private buildings and maintain it, the first respondent shall consider the representation of the petitioner association dated 02.02.2017 on merits within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order"

Alleging that the above said direction has not been complied with, this contempt petition came to be filed.

2.When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondent submits that vide letter in D.No.961, dated 21.08.2020 has rejected the petitioner's request. The learned Special Government Pleader would further submit that a copy of the said communication has also been dispatched to the Secretary of the petitioner's association. It is for the petitioner association to question the same in the manner known to law.

3.Since the direction of this Court has been complied with, nothing survives for further adjudication. Therefore, this Contempt Petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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