

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

Wednesday, the Seventh day of July Two Thousand Twenty One

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

WP No.2222 of 2021

AND WMP.NO.2518 of 2021

VISHWAKARMA INSTITUTE OF EXCELLENCE IN [PETITIONER IN BOTH THE
VEDIC ARTS, SCIENCE AND PETITIONS]
TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION, VIEVAST,
REGISTERED UNDER THE SOCIETIES REGISTRATION ACT
VIDE NO.196 OF 2020
NO.30/67, 4TH MAIN ROAD,
JAWAHAR NAGAR, CHENNAI 82
REP BY ITS TRUSTEE S.K.SIVAKUMAR

Vs

1 THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO [RESPONDENTS IN BOTH THE PETITIONS]
GOVERNMENT, FORT ST.GEORGE,
CHENNAI 600 009

2 THE COMMISSIONER,
HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CE DEPARTMENT,
NUNGAMBAKKAM, CHENNAI

3 THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE,
FORT ST. GEORGE, CHENNAI 600 009

4 THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT OF BACKWARD COMMUNITIES,
FORT ST. GEORGE, CHENNAI 600 009

Writ Petition under article 226 of the Constitution of India
praying that in these circumstances stated therein and in the
affidavit filed therewith the High Court will be pleased to Writ of
Declaration or any other appropriate Writ, order or direction in
the nature of Writ, to Declare that the persons who obtain either
diploma or degree from the Government College of Arts and Crafts
shall not be treated on par with traditional Sthapatis and
consequently directing the respondents to include traditional
Sthapatis within the objectives of Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and
Charitable Endowments, Engineering and Sub-ordinate Service Rules
pertaining to Renovation and Conservation Wing in appointment of
such Sthapatis to various Temples under the control of HR and CE

Department, by issuance of appropriate notification and to complete such exercise within the time frame to be stipulated by this Honourable Court (in WP.NO.2222 of 2021) and;

2) To pass interim directions directing the respondents to include traditional Sthapathis belonging to Hindu Viswakarma Community as part of the Executive Committee that would take care of the day today administration of the temples under the ambit of Hindu Religious and Endowment Board (WMP.NO.2518/2021) pending disposal of the above In WP.NO.2222/2021.

Order : This petition coming on for orders upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of MR.T.S.RAJAMOHAN, Advocate for the petitioner in both the petitioner and of MR.NRR ARUN NATARAJAN GOVERNMENT ADVOCATE on behalf of the 2nd Respondent in both the petition, the court made the following order:-

This matter is listed for compliance today.

2. Mr.NRR Arun Natarajan, learned Government Advocate appearing for the HR&CE Department has filed a memo dated 07.07.2021 requesting a period of four weeks to complete the process as directed by my order dated 03.02.2021 in disposing this writ petition. He also states that the process of enquiry is on ongoing and the matter has been heard on a few occasions and some details have been collected by the petitioner. This is recorded.

3. I see no reason keeping this writ petition listed for compliance any longer. I only reiterate that the time frame indicated by the respondent be adhered to and orders passed within a period of four weeks from today.

-sd/-
07/07/2021
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TO

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Order

in
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AND WMP.NO.2518/2021

Date :07/07/2021

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