



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 30.07.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

Writ Petition No. 32, 33, 43 and 725 of 2018

WP No. 32 of 2018

Agvesh Digital Network
represented by its Authorised Partner
S. Jeyakumar
Son of T. Shanmugam
A.V.M. Nagar
Andimadam Post, Andimadam
Ariyalur District - 621 801

.. Petitioner

Versus

1. Union of India
represented by its Secretary
The Ministry for Information and Broadcasting
Room No.116, "A" Wing
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi - 110 001

2. The Chairman
Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
Jawaharlal Nehru Marg
(Opp. to Ramleela Maidhan)
New Delhi - 110 002

3. The District Collector
District Collector Office
Cuddalore District
Cuddalore

.. Respondents

WP No. 33 of 2018

Bharath Digital Vision
represented by its Authorised Partner
J. Amsaveni
Wife of S. Jeyachandran
Door No.19/8
Salem to Kovai NH-47
Fourway Track, Vaikalmedu
Chithode - 638 102
Erode District

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Erode

.. Respondents

WP No. 43 of 2018

1. S.Jeyakumar
Son of T. Shanmugam
Jai Cable (LCO No. 25388)
A.V.M. Nagar, Andimadam Post
Andimadam
Ariyalur District - 621 801
2. V.Ramesh Kumar
Son of Velmurugan
Ramesh Cable (LCO No. 30402)
Therkutheru, Vilanthai
Andimadam
Ariyalur District - 621 801
3. G.Ramesh
Son of T. Ganeshan
Ramesh Cable
Main Road, Kallathoor
Thandalai Post
Ariyalur District
4. M.Thirugnanam
Son of Murugesan
Middle Street
Eravankgudi Post
Eravankgudi
Kallathoor Via - 621 803
Ariyalur District



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5. D.Thangasamy
Son of Durairaju
Kanmani Cable TV (LCO No. 11782)
24, Road States
Kezakudieruppu and Post
Udaiyarpalayam Taluk
Ariyalur District

6. S.Jayavel
Son of Subramanian
Ajay Cables (LCO No. 10458)
Vakkamari Street
Kodali Karuppur
Udayarpalayam
Ariyalur District

7. Pannerselvam
Son of Veerasami
Saami Cables (LCO No.10124)
Mettu Street
Meensurutty and Post
Udayarpalayam Taluk
Ariyalur Taluk

.. Petitioners

Versus

1. The Secretary
Government of India
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
"A" Wing, Shastri Bhawan
Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road
New Delhi - 110 001

2. M/s. Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Limited
represented by Managing Director
Dugar Towers, 6th Floor
Old No.34, New No.123,
Marshalls Road, Egmore
Chennai - 600 008

.. Respondents

WP No. 725 of 2018

Vellore Digital System
represented by its Authorised Partner
Venkatesan
Son of Natarajan
76, Vellalar Street
Sathuvachari
Vellore - 632 009

.. Petitioner

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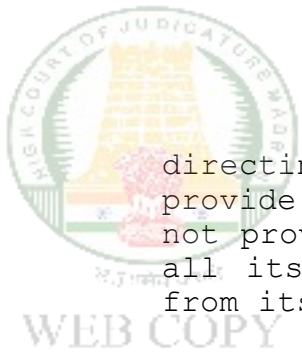
.. Respondents

WP No. 32 of 2018:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of The Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to permit the petitioner firm to provide Analogue signal to its customers, to whom set top box is not provided, until the petitioner's firm provide set top box to all its customers like similarly placed Multi System Operators from its control room at Andimadam Taluk, Ariyalur District

WP No. 33 of 2018:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of The Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to permit the petitioner firm to provide Analogue signal to its customers, to whom set top box is not provided, until the petitioner's firm provide set top box to all its customers like similarly placed Multi System Operators from its control room at Erode District

WP No. 43 of 2018:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of The Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to forbear the second respondent from allotting new Local Cable TV Operator in existing Local Cable TV Operator area and allow the petitioners to provide Digital Addressable System Signal to their intending customers based on the representation of the Tamil Nadu Cable TV General Welfare Association dated 23.09.2016 and representation dated 18.12.2017 made by the petitioners to the respondents and also direct the first respondent to take action on the second respondent and its erring officials for disturbing of implementation of Digital Addressable System as per the choice of their customers.

WP No. 725 of 2018:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of The Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus



directing the first respondent to permit the petitioner firm to provide Analogue signal to its customers, to whom set top box is not provided, until the petitioner's firm provide set top box to all its customers like similarly placed Multi System Operators from its control room at Vellore District

For Petitioner (s) : Mr. R. Thiagarajan
for Mr. Prasanna Vinoth
in all the writ petitions

WP No. 32 of 2018

For Respondents : Mr. A. Murugan for RR1 and 2
Mr. Abdul Saleem for R3

WP No. 33 of 2018

For Respondents : Mr. Venkatasamy Babu for RR1 and 2
Mr. Abdul Saleem for R3

WP No. 43 of 2018

For Respondents : Mr. N. Rajan, Central Government
Standing Counsel for R1
Mr. Abdul Saleem for R2

WP No. 725 of 2018

For Respondents : Mr. G. Karthikeyan for RR1 and 2
Mr. Abdul Saleem for R3

COMMON ORDER

The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners fairly submitted that the relief sought for in these writ petitions no longer survives for consideration as the entire Cable TV Operation in the State has been digitalised with the advent of latest technology. The learned counsel for the petitioners therefore submitted that these writ petitions may be dismissed as having become infructuous.

2. Recording the aforesaid submission of the learned counsel for the petitioners, all these writ petitions are dismissed as having become infructuous. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS VII)

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Sub Assistant Registrar



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