



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05.08.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJIB BANERJEE, CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.D.AUDIKESSAVALU

W.P.No.13438 of 2021
and
WMP Nos.14307 & 14309 of 2021

K.Mahendran

...Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The Chief Secretary to Government
Government of Tamil Nadu
Office of Revenue and Disaster
Management Department
Secretariat, Fort St. George
Chennai 600 009.
- 2.Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary to Government
School Education Department
Secretariat, Fort St. George
Chennai 600 009.
- 3.The Commissioner
Directorate of School Education
DPI Complex, College Road
Chennai 600 006.

...Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to constitute a Committee consisting of experts in the field of school education, parents representative, recognised social activists and private school authorities, to find out an alternative method to increase the efficiency in imparting education through online classes and also to fix a nominal percentage of fees on the overall fees amount to be paid by the students for the academic year 2021-2022, by giving waiver to the arrears of fees pertaining to the academic year 2020-2021, by taking into consideration the impact of Covid-19 second wave and the continuing lockdown and to give sufficient time to the parents to pay the fees fixed by such Committee for the academic year 2021-2022, by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 14.06.2021.



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For Petitioner : Mr.R.Gopinath
For Respondents : Mr.C.Harsha Raj
Counsel for State

ORDER
(Made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that though this public interest litigation has been filed in respect of school fees during the Covid times, a reasoned order has been passed by a Single Bench of this court on July 30, 2021, issuing certain directions particularly as to the extent of the fees that ought to be paid during the period that the students do not attend school but participate in online classes.

2. The State seeks time on the ground of learned Advocate-General.

3. Since a considered order has been passed on the matter, elsewhere in this court, this public interest litigation need not be pursued any further. W.P.No.13438 of 2021 is disposed of. However, nothing in this order will preclude any appeal from the order dated July 30, 2021 and nothing in this order should be read to be an endorsement of the relevant Single Bench order.

4. There will be no order as to costs. WMP Nos.14307 and 14309 of 2021 are closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

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