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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.09.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJIB BANERJEE, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.D.AUDIKESSAVALU

W.P.NO.15451 OF 2021

Dr.Ramu Manivanan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Chief Secretary,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009.

2.The Directorate,
Commissionerate of Rehabilitation and
Welfare of Non Resident Tamils,
4th Floor, Ezhilagam Annex Building,
Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.

... Respondents

Prayer: Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the Government of Tamil Nadu to provide and allow Non Camp Sri Lankan Tamils to access the dry ration from the ration shops during the Covid 19 pandemic and to give preference in the Government of Tamil Nadu Vaccination drive and allow them to avail the same through showing any of their identity cards.

For the Petitioner : Mr.Arun Kasi

For the Respondents : Mr.C.Harsha Raj
Counsel for the State

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

The petition has passed its sell-by date and may no longer be relevant.

2. The prayer in the petition was to direct the State



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government to provide non-camp Sri Lankan Tamils to access dry ration from ration shops during the second surge of the pandemic. Certain directions were also sought to ensure that the persons were vaccinated without insisting on any identity cards or proof of residence or the like.

3. As far as the prayer for ration is concerned, that is no longer relevant since the lockdown imposed has been substantially relaxed. As far as vaccination is concerned, the State is directed to ensure that all persons are vaccinated, irrespective of whether such persons are able to produce any appropriate document as to their status.

4. W.P.No.15451 of 2021 is disposed of. There will be no order as to costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To:

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+1cc to the Government Pleader, S.R.No.45925

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