



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 16.08.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

Writ Petition No. 2818 of 2018

1. D. Soma Sundaram  
Son of Durai Babu  
Somu Cable Network (LCO No.38674)  
81, Vellai Pandal Vallipuram Post  
PV Kalathur Via.,  
Tirukalukundram  
Kanchipuram District
2. S. Soundararajan  
Son of Subramani  
Soundar Cable Network (LCO No. 39303)  
59, Big Chetty Street  
Chengalpattu  
Kanchipuram District
3. S. Thilagam  
Wife of Soundararajan  
Thilagam Satelite TV (LCO No.38510)  
69/90-A, Chinnamaniyakara Street  
Chengalpattu  
Kancheepuram District

.. Petitioners

Versus

1. The Secretary  
Government of India  
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting  
"A" Wing, Shastri Bhavan  
Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road  
New Delhi - 110 001
2. M/s. Tamil Nadu Arasu Cable TV Corporation Limited  
represented by its Managing Director  
"Dugar Towers", 6th Floor  
Old No.34, New No.123  
Marshalls Road, Egmore  
Chennai - 600 008

.. Respondents



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 23.01.2018 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.

For Petitioners : Mr. B. Prasanna Vinoth

For Respondents : Mr. N. Ramesh for R1  
Mr. Abdul Saleem for R2

#### ORDER

The petitioners have come forward with this writ petition 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 23.01.2018 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.

2. Heard the learned counsel for both sides and perused the material records. The relief sought for by the petitioners in this writ petition no longer survives for consideration. During the pendency of this writ petition, the Cable TV operation in the State has been digitalised and Local Cable TV Operator (LCO) licence is no longer issued. In view of the above, no relief can be granted to the petitioners in this writ petition.



3. In the light of the above, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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To

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+1cc to M/s.Abdul Saleem, Advocate, S.R.No.40500

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