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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 02.12.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.MUNISHWAR NATH BHANDARI,
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

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

W.P.Nos.25565 and 25570 of 2021

1.Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation
B-304, Third Floor, Ansal Plaza
Khelgaon Marg, New Delhi - 110 049
Rep by its Authorised Signatory
Radhakrishnan Nair.

2.Sun TV Network Ltd
Murasoli Maran Towers
73, MRC Nagar Main Road
MRC Nagar, Chennai - 600 028
Tamil Nadu, India.
Rep by its Authorised Signatory
M.Jyothi Basu.

3.S.J.Clement

.. Petitioners

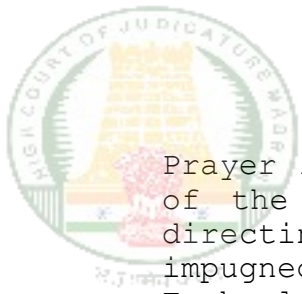
Vs

1.Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Through Secretary, Electronics Niketan
6, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road
New Delhi - 110 003.

2.Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Union of India, Rep by the Secretary
Room No.552, A Wing, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi - 110 001.

.. Respondents

Prayer in W.P.No.25565 of 2021: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a writ of mandamus or directions in the nature thereof prohibiting and restraining the respondents from taking any coercive steps against the members of the Petitioner No.1 pursuant to Rules 8-19 under Part III of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.



Prayer in W.P.No.25570 of 2021: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a writ of mandamus directing the respondents not to enforce or implement the impugned Rules 8-19 under Part - III of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

For the Petitioners : Mr.P.S.Raman
Senior Counsel
assisted by
Ms.Tanushree Aravind
for Mr.Rahul Balaji

COMMON ORDER

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

Learned counsel for the petitioners prays for withdrawal of these writ petitions as the same petitioners have filed W.P.No.25619 of 2021 seeking the same prayer. The withdrawal of the petitions is to avoid multiplication of the litigation by the same parties on the same issue.

As prayed, the writ petitions are dismissed as withdrawn for the reasons given above. No costs. Consequently, W.M.P.Nos.26986, 26985, 27018 and 27020 of 2021 are closed.

Sd/-

Deputy Registrar (CS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To:

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