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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17.12.2021

CORAM :

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

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.D.AUDIKESSAVALU
W.P.No.35769 of 2021

E.Ranganayaki

... Petitioner

Vs

- 1 The Union of India
Rep by the Secretary
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi- 110 001.
- 2 The Union of India
Rep by the Secretary
Ministry of Human Resources Development
Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi- 110 001.
- 3 The Union of India
Rep by the Secretary
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.
- 4 The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep by the Secretary to Government
Health and Family Welfare Department
Fort St. George
Chennai-9.
- 5 The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep by the Secretary to Government
School Education Department
Fort St. George
Chennai-9.



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6 The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep by the Secretary to Government
Tamil Development and Information Department
Fort St. George
Chennai-9.

7 Medical Council of India
Rep. by Secretary
Sector - VIII, Dwaraga Phase II
New Delhi - 110 077. ... Respondents

(R7 suo motu impleaded
as per order dated 3.3.2020 made in W.P.No.35769 of 2019)

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a writ of mandamus directing (A) the Respondents to increase the number of intake of students in Psychiatry course and Psychology course in all government medical colleges and government colleges to meet internationally accepted guidelines for number of mental health professionals on the basis of population. (B) the Respondents to incorporate Yogo Mental Health and Wellness in the school curriculum for the students to equip with knowledge and skills to make them aware of their mental well being and to build strong mental health at the younger age. (C) the respondents to provide integrate mental health services into general healthcare services at all levels of healthcare including primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare as contemplated under Section 18(5) of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017. (D) the respondents to give counseling for the students in all colleges and in all department throughout the year at regular intervals, to take care of mental health of the students and to cope-up with depression and stress at the earlier stage by preventing them from taking any extreme steps. (E) the respondents to mandate that all television channels by taking social responsibility, to allot minimum 15 seconds a day in their television channels, to telecast, for creating awareness on social issues like depression, child sexual abuse, promoting help line numbers, swachh bharath, to save water, girl child education, etc. (F) the respondents to make rules regarding reimbursement of costs of treatment of mental health establishment as contemplated under Section 18(5) of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017. (G) the respondents to promote the provisions of Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 by giving wide publicity through public media, including



television, radio, print and online media at regular intervals as contemplated under Section 30 of the Act.

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For the Petitioner : Ms.E.Ranganayaki
Petitioner-in-Person

For the Respondents : Mr.P.Muthukumar
State Government Pleader
for respondents 4 to 6

: Ms.Shubharanjini Ananth
for 7th respondent

ORDER

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

A letter dated 12.11.2021 has been circulated by the petitioner appearing in person to permit her to withdraw the writ petition.

2. The prayer for permission to withdraw the writ petition is granted. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed as withdrawn. No costs.

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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SUB ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To:

1 The Secretary
Union of India
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+1cc to Mrs.E.Ranganayaki, Advocate Sr.68240
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