

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 05.07.2022

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SUBRAMANIAN

W.P.NO.15529 OF 2016
AND
W.M.P.NO.13506 OF 2016

Prof.I.Elangovan

... Petitioner

.Vs.

1. The Public Information
Officer and Principal,
Voorhees College,
Vellore - 632 006.

2. The Public Information Officer,
O/o. The Joint Director of Collegiate Education,
Vellore Region, Vellore - 632 006.

3. The Public Information Officer,
O/o. The Director of Collegiate Education,
Chennai - 600 006.

4. J.Balaji

5. A.R.Jaganmohan

6. S.Ramu

7. Y.Loganathan

... Respondents

PRAYER:-

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of Writ of Mandamus, forbearing the 1st, 2nd and the 3rd respondents from furnishing any Information relating to the petitioner falling under the exemption Provisions of Section 8(1) (j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 that may be sought for by the 4th, 5th, 6th and the 7th Respondents, without affording an opportunity to the petitioner under Section 11(1) of the Right of Information Act, 2005.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sathia Chandran

For Respondents : Mrs.V.Yamuna Devi
For R1 to R3

Mr.T.Sundararajan
For Mr.S.Gunaseelan
For R4 to R7

O R D E R

The prayer in the Writ Petition reads as follows:-

forbearing the 1st, 2nd and the 3rd respondents from furnishing any Information relating to the petitioner falling under the exemption Provisions of Section 8(1) (j) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 that may be sought for by the 4th, 5th, 6th and the 7th respondents, without affording an opportunity to the petitioner under Section 11(1) of the Right of Information Act, 2005.

2. I have my own doubts regarding the sweep of power under Article 226 to direct the statutory Authority to perform its functions in a particular manner.

3. However, Mr.T.Sundararajan appearing for Mr.S.Gunaseelan, learned counsel for the respondents 4 to 7 would submit that the private respondents 4 to 7, who had sought for information are no longer interested in obtaining the information, since the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu had already taken action against the petitioner on the basis of some other complaint.

4. Recording the said statement, this Writ Petition is closed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS V)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

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+1cc to Mr.S.Gunaseelan, Advocate, S.R.No.42762
+1cc to Mr.S.Sathia Chandran, Advocate, S.R.No.43097
+1cc to the Government Pleader, S.R.No.44076

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