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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 29.03.2022

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

W.P.No.7247 of 2022 &
WMP.Nos.7263 & 7267 of 2022

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... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Registrar of Companies,
AGT Business Park, Avinashi Rd,
Civil Aerodrome Post, Coimbatore,
Tamil Nadu.

2. Union of India,
Through its Secretary,
Ministry of Corporate Affairs,
5th floor, A wing,
"Shastri Bhavan",
New Delhi-110001.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the 1st Respondent relating to the Impugned Notice dated 07.12.2018 uploaded in the website of the 2nd Respondent in so far as the Petitioner herein is concerned, quash the same as illegal, arbitrary and devoid of merit and consequentially direct the Respondents herein to permit the Petitioner to get reappointed as Director of the Company or appointed as Director in any company without any hindrance.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Sudhakar

For Respondents : Mr.A.R.Sakthivel,
Senior Panel Counsel

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Mr.A.R.Sakthivel, learned Senior Panel Counsel accepts notice for the respondents and is armed with instructions to proceed with the matter finally. Hence, by consent expressed by both counsel, this Writ Petition is disposed finally even at the stage of admission.



2. Both learned counsel would concur on the position that the issue that arises in this Writ Petition, being the disqualification of the petitioner as a Director in M/s.Esteem Enviro Engineering Consultant Services India Private Limited is liable to be set aside in light of decision of the First Bench of this Court in Meethelaveetil Kaitheri Muralidharan Vs Union of India in W.A.No.569 of 2020 reported in [2020 (7) Mad LJ 641] wherein while considering identical cases of disqualification of Directors without notice, this Court has been pleased to set aside the publication of such list by the Registrar of Companies and the consequent deactivation of Director Identification Number (DIN).

3. I have had an occasion to consider the similar issue on 18.02.2022 in W.P.No.2889 of 2022 and applying the aforesaid decision, have passed the following order:

Mr.K.B.Arul, learned Additional Central Government Standing Counsel accepts notice for the respondents and is armed with instructions to proceed with the matter finally. Hence, by consent of both counsel, this Writ Petition is disposed finally even at the stage of admission.

2. The petitioner is a Director in a company under the name and style of Super Tech Solar System Private Limited. He challenges the records of the second respondent, i.e., the Registrar of Companies, Tamil Nadu, Chennai dated 01.11.2017 read with updated list dated 17.12.2018 uploaded on the website of the 1st respondent, i.e., Union of India, rep. by its Ministry of Corporate Affairs and quash of the same.

3. The necessity for the challenge at this point of time despite the list having been reflected in the website of Rlas early as in 2017 is for the reason that the petitioner seeks re-employment as a Director in another company and the aforesaid disqualification poses a hindrance to the same.

4. Learned Counsel for the respondents would admit that such disqualification was without any notice having been issued to the petitioner. In this connection, both the learned counsel drawn my attention to the decision of Division Bench of this Court in the case of Meethelaveetil Kaitheri Muralidharan Vs Union of India in W.A.No.569 of 2020 reported in [2020 (7) Mad LJ 641] wherein while considering identical cases of disqualification of directors without notice, this Court has been pleased to set aside the publication of such list by the Registrar of Companies and the consequent deactivation of Director Identification Number (DIN).



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