



W.P. No.32223 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01.12.2022

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THE HON'BLE MR.T.RAJA, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.KRISHNAKUMAR

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M.Veerakumar

... Petitioner

versus

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
rep. By its Principal Secretary,
Department of Municipal Administration and Water supply,
Fort St.George, Chennai 9

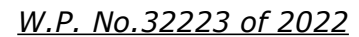
2.The Secretary to Government,
School Education Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai 9

3.The District Collector,
Coimbatore District.

4.The Director of School Education,
College road, DPI Campus,
Chennai.

5.The Commissioner,
Mettupalayam Municipality,
Coimbatore

... Respondents



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2. It is indeed regrettable to see that a writ petition of this nature has been filed. Library is a seat of learning and source of wisdom and enlightenment. It is said that Lord Buddha got enlightenment under Bodhi Tree. Many illustrious men have attained greatness and enlightenment by reading books and visiting libraries. Moreover, in the present world today, it is the endeavour of every nation to promote education in a big way. The prayer made in the writ petition is therefore totally unacceptable because the Government have come forward to open a knowledge centre at Mani Nagar, Mettupalayam with a vision to bring up the people living in hill side and inside the tribal area along with main stream of life, and therefore, the petitioner cannot come to this Court to thwart such a dream project exclusively meant for the downtrodden.

3. Decision to build knowledge centre falls within the domain of the executive. So many factors like population, age group, proposed location of the Knowledge Centre, its approach roads etc. are taken into consideration before making a decision. Courts, therefore, cannot interfere into such aspects of decision making process taken by the State Government.



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4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the current place could be used for setting up Plus One and Plus Two schools instead of building knowledge centre, poor petitioner is unaware of the value and importance of knowledge centre. Hence, he is misconceived to make a prayer in this writ petition.

5. Learned Advocate-General on the basis of written instructions, placed before us the list of higher secondary schools in the present place. They are given as under:

Sl.No.	Name of School	Location
1.	<i>Mahajan Higher Secondary School (aided)</i>	<i>1 to 1.5 kms from the Knowledge Centre</i>
2.	<i>Government Higher Secondary School (Boys)</i>	<i>2.5 kms from the digital library, Chikkadasampalayam</i>
3.	<i>Government Higher Secondary School (Co-ed)</i>	<i>3.5 kms from the digital library, Odanthurai</i>

6. In the light of the above, we do not find any merit in the writ petition. The writ petition is dismissed. No costs. Consequently, WMP No.31631 of 2022 is closed.



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7. Liberty is given to the petitioner to made a representation to the authorities/department concerned for setting up of more higher secondary schools, if he is so advised.

(T.R., ACJ.) (D.K.K., J.)
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