



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 04.03.2022

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR

W.P. (MD)No.14368 of 2020

and

W.M.P. (MD)No.12015 of 2020

K.Palanikumar

...Petitioner

/Vs./

- 1.The Press Council of India,
Rep. by its Chairman,
1st, 2nd and 3rd Floor,
Soochna Bhawan,
8, C.G.O, Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi-110 003.
- 2.The Director General of Police,
Mylapore, Chennai-600 004.
- 3.The Commissioner of Police,
Madurai City, Madurai.
- 4.The Editor,
Kumudam Reporter,
M/s.Kumudam Publications Private Limited,
No.306, Purasawalkam High Road,
Chennai-600 010.
- 5.The Editor,
Nakkheeran Publications,
105, Jani Jahan Khan Road,
Royapettah, Chennai-600 014.
- 6.The Editor,
Sathiyam Television Pvt Ltd.,
No.1, Kamaraj Park Street,
Royapuram, Chennai-600 013.

7.S.Gunasekaran

8.Paranjothi

...Respondents

(R2 and R3 are deleted from array of parties vide Court order dated 14.10.2020 in W.P.(MD)No.14368 of 2020)



Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 2 and 3 herein to take necessary action on the representation of the petitioner dated 26.08.2020 against the respondents 4 to 6 herein for committing breach of principles and ethics of journalism in the offending publication of news and news articles and the telecast made relating to the occurrence dated 27.12.2019 concerned in Crime No.10/2020 on the file of D3 Koodal Pudur Police Station, Madurai and the conduct of investigation in the Press, TV Channels and Social Media abusing the petitioner personally and in the discharge of his public duty and consequently forbear the respondents 4 to 6 herein from further indulging in publishing and telecasting the same defamatory news articles, report or interview of respondents 7 and 8 in any other news magazines, TV Channels and Social Media relating to the same occurrence dated 27.12.2019 concerned in Crime No.10 of 2020 on the file of D3 Koodal Pudur Police Station, Madurai for abusing the petitioner personally and his public office.

For Petitioner	: Mr.K.Muthu Ganesa Pandian
For R1	: Mr.K.Sankararaman, Central Government Standing Counsel
For R4	: Mr.K.Mahendran
For R5	: Mr.P.Ganapathi Subramanian
For R6	: Mr.C.T.Perumal
For R7 and R8	: Mr.M.Sam Eugene Jebakumar

ORDER

When the matter came up for hearing on 02.03.2022, there was no representation on behalf the petitioner and hence, the matter was directed to be posted on 04.03.2022. Accordingly, it is listed today i.e., 04.03.2022. Even today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner on record is not ready and some other learned counsel seeks time. It shows that the learned counsel for the petitioner is not interested in arguing the case. In such circumstances, this Court has no other option except to dismiss the Writ Petition for non-prosecution.

2.Accordingly, this Writ Petition is dismissed for non-prosecution. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-III)

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Madurai City, Madurai.
- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

+1 CC to M/s.C.T.PERUMAL, Advocate (SR-10053[F] dated 04/03/2022)

+1 CC to M/s.K.MAHENDRAN, Advocate (SR-10064[F] dated 04/03/2022)

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