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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 29.09.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **G.R.SWAMINATHAN**

Cont.P(MD).No.1377 of 2022
in
Crl.O.P(MD).No.20638 of 2021

Pon.Murugesan

... Petitioner/Petitioner

vs.

M.Pradeep Kumar, I.A.S.,
The District Collector,
Trichy District.

...Contemnor/6th Respondent

PRAYER: Petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, to initiate contempt proceedings against the Contemnor/6th Respondent for his wilful disobedience to the order of this Court in Crl.O.P(MD).No.20638 of 2021 dated 24.01.2022 and punish him under the Contempt of Court Act.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Alagumani

For Respondent : Mr.A.K.Manikkam

Special Government Pleader

ORDER

The petitioner alleges that the order passed by this Court in Crl.O.P(MD).No.20638 of 2021, dated 24.01.2022, has not been complied with.



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2.Paragraph No.4 of the said order reads as follows:

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4. The duty of the State is to provide protection to the citizens. The petitioner has moved this court for directing the State to discharge the duty. In the alternative, the petitioner has stated that he would rather take care of himself, if he is given arms license. That is why, he moved the sixth respondent. He is relying on the statutory rule framed in this regard. The authorities will have to either ensure the physical safety of the petitioner or in the alternative, issue arms license to the petitioner. Therefore, the sixth respondent has to choose one of the two courses. Therefore the sixth respondent is directed to consider the petitioner's representation and take a decision on merits and in accordance with law by choosing one of the two courses of action mentioned above. Such a decision will be taken within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is always open to the sixth respondent to take appropriate action and also stipulate appropriate conditions to ensure that the petitioner does not misuse the arms license given to him.”

3.The learned Special Government Pleader points out that the District Collector, Trichirappalli, has passed the order dated 30.04.2022 rejecting the petitioner's request for grant of arms license, and directing the jurisdictional Superintendent of Police to afford protection to the writ petitioner.



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4. Thus, the District Collector, Trichirappalli, has complied with the direction given by this Court. The petitioner is at liberty to approach the Superintendent of Police along with a copy of the order passed by this Court as well as the order passed by the District Collector, Trichirappalli. The Superintendent of Police, Trichirappalli, shall make an assessment and take appropriate action in accordance with law. Accordingly, the Contempt Petition stands closed.

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