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W.P.No.30794 of 2013

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 06.03.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM

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and

M.P.Nos.1 & 2 of 2013

Kumari.K.MITHR
Minor (aged 13 years)
Represented by father
and Natural Guardian
K.Kumarappan
S/o.P.Kuppusamy
No.19, Ayyannar Koil Street,
G.N.Palayam,
Arumparthapuram
Puducherry – 110.

...Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The State of Government of Puducherry,
Rep.by it's the Director of School Education,
Jawahar Bal Bhavan,
Kamarajar Centenary Education Campus,
Puducherry.
- 2.The Deputy Director (Primary School)
Directorate of School Education,
Jawahar Children House,
Puducherry.
- 3.Kumari.Nadiammala @ Yuvalatchumi
Represented by father and Natural Guardian
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Jawahar Mini Bala Bhavan
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4.P.Jayapriya (father name not known)
C/o.Headmaster,
Jawahar Mini Bala Bhavan,
Bahour, Puducherry.

5.K.Rajeswari (father name not known)
C/o.Headmaster,
Ramakrishna Parama Hamsam English
High School,
Karikaiampakkam,
Puducherry.

..Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed Under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the 1st respondent relating to the “Results of State Best Child Award 2013 and Balshree Southern Zonal Competition 2013 dated nill, quash the same in so far as it relates to Creative Art (Dance) area and issue consequential directions to conduct fresh selection proceedings for State Best Child Award 2013 and Balshree Southern Region Award in the area of Creative Art (Dance) on different dates and consider the candidature of the petitioner for the Awardees according to prescribed norms.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Muthukumaran

For R1 & R2 : Mr.A.Tamilvanan
Government Advocate

For R3 : No appearance

For R4 & R5 : Not Ready in Notice



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ORDER

The writ petition has been filed, challenging the results of State Best Child Award of the year 2013 issued by the Directorate of School Education, Government of Puducherry.

2. The grievance of the writ petitioner is that the merit assessment was not done properly, which resulted in granting of award to an ineligible person.

3. However, this Court is of the considered opinion that the assessment of the competent authority in this regard cannot be questioned ordinarily in a writ proceedings. If at all there is any violation of rules, or *mala fide* in granting such awards, then alone, the Court can interfere. The merit assessment made by the competent committee or the authorities cannot be challenged by way of a writ petition and the Court not being an expert body, cannot make an independent assessment for the purpose of grant of awards. More so, the award, which is under challenge was granted in the year 2013 and now 10 years lapsed and thus, this Court is not inclined to consider the other grounds raised in the present writ petition.



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4. Accordingly, the writ petition stands dismissed. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Index : Yes

Speaking order/Non-Speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.

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