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W.P.No.15914 of 2020

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 26.06.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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Vedha @ Dhamodharan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(Government of India)
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New Delhi – 110 003.
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2.Twitter Communications India
Private Limited

... Respondents

Prayer:

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing respondent no.1 to lay down guidelines in exercise of its powers under Section 79(2) (c) read with Section 87(2) (zg) of the Information Technology Act to ensure that any censorship on social media is carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Constitution.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Anbalagan
For Respondents : Mr.V.Chandrasekar for R1
Mr.Arun C.Mohan for R2



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ORDER

The petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to lay down guidelines in exercise of its powers under Section 79(2) (c) read with Section 87(2) (zg) of the Information Technology Act to ensure that any censorship on social media is carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Constitution.

2.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that though the petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking direction to the first respondent to lay down guidelines to ensure that any censorship on social media is carried out strictly in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Constitution of India, already detailed guidelines/ provisions are there in the Information Technology Act. Hence, no further adjudication is necessary in this writ petition.

3.In view of the above, this writ petition is dismissed as nothing survives for adjudication in this writ petition. No costs.

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To

- 1.The State Information Commissioner,
Tamil Nadu Information Commission,
No.2, Thiyagaraya Road,
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