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W.P.No.29487 of 2019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 25.04.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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Jegan Arputham Fernando

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and
Highways (Department of Shipping)
Government of India,
No.1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi – 110 001.

2.The Director General of Shipping,
Beta Buildings, 9th Floor,
i-think Techno Campus,
Kanjur Marg (East),
Mumbai – 42.

3.The Registrar,
Indian Maritime University,
ECR, Uthandi,
Kanathur,
Chennai – 119.

... Respondents

Prayer:

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to take necessary action for conducting existing conversion course of assessment and examination for issuance of COC as Master (FG)



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(unlimited) for the Petitioner who possessed Master NCV with 6000 GT (home-trade ship) enabling him to go world-wide on ships without any restrictions.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Ramalingam
For Respondents : Mr.AR.L.Sundaresan for R1 and R2
Additional Solicitor of India
for M/s.S.Diwakar
Standing Counsel
Mr.K.Srinivasamurthy for R3

ORDER

The petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to take necessary action for conducting existing conversion course of assessment and examination for issuance of COC as Master (FG) (unlimited) for the petitioner who possessed Master NCV with 6000 GT (home-trade ship) enabling him to go world-wide on ships without any restrictions.

2.The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner made representation to the respondents 2 and 3 seeking to take appropriate action for conducting conversion course for issuance of COC Master (FG) (unlimited) for candidates like the petitioner who possessed COC as Master NCV with 6000 GT enabling him to go on the ship world-wide operation without any restrictions and since the same has not yet been considered has filed this petition.



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3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that without going into the merits of the case, it would suffice, if this Court issue direction to the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 20.09.2019 and to pass appropriate orders within a reasonable time frame.

4.The learned Additional Solicitor of India appearing for the respondents 1 and 2 submitted that the petitioner's representation will be considered in accordance with law.

5.In view of the above, this Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, directs the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 20.09.2019, on merits and in accordance with law and pass appropriate orders, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6.The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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