



W.P.(MD).No.29371 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15.12.2023

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJAY V.GANGAPURWALA, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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M.Beema Rao

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Union of India
Rep. by its Secretary
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(Government of India)
Electronics Niketan, 6, CGO Complex
Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary
Department of Information Technology
Fort St. George, Chennai.
3. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary
Department of Tamil Development and Information
Fort St. George, Chennai – 104.
4. The Superintendent of Police
(Nodal Officer), Crime Branch –
Criminal Investigation Department (CB-CID)
Cyber Crime Cell, No.220
Pantheon Road, Egmore, Chennai.



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5. The Mission Director
Fact Check Unit, Kalaivanar Arangam
Wallaja Road, Chennai.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of declaration, declaring the G.O.Ms.No.190 (Tamil Development and Information (Advt) Department) dated 06.10.2023 issued by the third respondent unconstitutional, ultra vires of the Constitution of India.

For the Petitioner : Mr.K.P.S.Palanivel Rajan
for Mr.R.Velmurugan

For the Respondents : Mr.AR.L.Sundaresan
Additional Solicitor General
assisted by Mr.R.Rajesh Vivekananthan
Deputy Solicitor General
for R1

Mr.J.Ravindran
Additional Advocate General
assisted by Mrs.R.Anitha
Special Government Pleader
for R2 to R4

ORDER

(Made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Heard Mr.K.P.S.Palanivel Rajan, learned counsel appearing for Mr.R.Velmurugan, learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr.AR.L.Sundaresan, learned Additional Solicitor General assisted by Mr.R.Rajesh Vivekananthan, learned Deputy Solicitor General for



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respondent 1 and Mr.J.Ravindran, learned Additional Advocate General assisted by Mrs.R.Anitha, learned Special Government Pleader for respondents 2 to 4.

2. This matter is filed in the nature of a public interest litigation. The Government Order bearing G.O.(Ms).No.190 dated 06.10.2023 is assailed in the present writ petition.

3. Learned Additional Advocate General submits that the same Government Order is challenged in W.P.No.32768 of 2023 and the said writ petition is placed on 10.01.2024.

4. In the said writ petition, we have heard the learned Senior Counsel for some time. In the light of that, multiple public interest litigations for the same relief would not serve any purpose. It is not a case of any individual right being ventilated. All these issues can be considered in the pending public interest litigation, i.e., W.P.No.32768 of 2023.



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5. As all the issues raised in the present public interest litigation are the subject matter of consideration in the earlier public interest litigation pending before this Court, it is not necessary to pass any orders in the present public interest litigation. In the light of that, we dispose of this present writ petition. There will be no order as to costs. Consequently, W.M.P.Nos.25345 & 25346 of 2023 are closed.

(S.V.G., CJ.)

(D.B.C., J.)

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Index : Yes/No

Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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