



WP(MD)No.12642 of 2016

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 10.04.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY

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WMP(MD)Nos.9558 and 9559 of 2016

N.S.Raj
Publisher, "Nesarin Dharisanam" - RNP,
Bethel, Kalkurichy,
Thuckalay - 629 175,
Kanyakumari District.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Post Master General,
Southern Region,
Tamil Nadu,
Madurai - 625 002,
Madurai District.

2.The Senior Superintendent of Police,
Kanyakumari Division,
Nagercoil - 629 001,
Kanyakumari District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records pertaining to the impugned order No.L/RNP/42/13-14 at Nagercoil 629 001 dated 02.02.2015 and the consequential order in No.L/RNP/ND at Nagercoil 629 001 dated



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19.05.2016 on the file of the second respondent and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the respondents to provide license/postal concession for posting of 'Nesarin Dharisanam' under the category of Registered Newspaper within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Rajasekar

For Respondents : Mr.P.Paul Pandi

ORDER

The petitioner has assailed a communication dated 20.05.2016 by which the petitioner was informed that his licence cannot be renewed until he pays the sum of Rs.18,45,000/-.

2. On instructions, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's licence was renewed after institution of the writ petition. However, he submits that the petitioner is also entitled to a concessional rate in respect of postal services availed of by the petitioner. To that extent, he submits that the representation of the petitioner dated 01.04.2016 may be directed to be considered.



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3. Learned Standing Counsel for the respondents submits that the petitioner had not paid the sum of Rs.18,45,000/-.

4. Since the petitioner's licence was renewed after the institution of the writ petition, the petitioner's grievance has been substantially redressed. By the representation dated 01.04.2016, the petitioner had also requested that his request for concessional postal charges be considered. Without expressing any opinion on the merits on the said request, W.P.(MD)No.12642 of 2016 is disposed of directing the respondents to examine and dispose of the said request on merits. No order as to costs. Consequently, connected W.M.P. (MD)Nos.9558 and 9559 of 2016 are closed.

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