



W.P.(MD) No.5545 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16.04.2024

CORAM :

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

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE J.SATHYA NARAYANA PRASAD

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S.Arumugaraj

.. Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The Secretary,  
Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises,  
Room No.169-Udyog Bhawan,  
Rafi Marg,  
New Delhi-11001.
- 2.The Commerce Secretary,  
Ministry of Commerce & Industry,  
Room No.426,  
Vanijya Bhawan,  
New Delhi-110 011.
- 3.The Commissioner,  
The Nodal Ministry for the Scheme &  
Additional Secretary & Development,  
Ministry of (MSME),  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nirman Bhawan,  
New Delhi.



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4.The Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Industries Development,  
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to take appropriate steps to recognize Carpenter, Blacksmith, Sculptor, Goldsmith and Artisans as Viswakarmas and to issue ID card and certificate under P.M.Viswakarma Yojana project scheme by following orders of the Government of India issued while D.M.No.36012/22/93-Estt (SCT) of 8<sup>th</sup> September 1993, by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension (Department of Personal and Training).

For the Petitioner : Mr.M.Baskar

For the Respondents : Mr.A.Anandan  
Government Advocate  
for respondent No.4

ORDER

(Order of the court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Heard Mr.M.Baskar, learned counsel for the petitioner; and Mr.A.Anandan, learned Government Advocate for the fourth respondent.

2. The petitioner is an Advocate. Earlier, the association had



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filed the writ petition. In the said writ petition, we had observed that if an individual comes before us, we will consider the case of the individual.

3. In case an Artisan files a petition, we will consider the case of the Artisan independently or the Artisan could also file a petition on behalf of other Artisans as public interest litigation. In that event, we will consider the grievance of those persons.

4. With the above observations, the writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, W.M.P.(MD) No.5275 of 2024 is closed.

(S.V.G., C.J.)

(J.S.N.P., J.)

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