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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12.01.2024

CORAM :

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

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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K.Suthan

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Secretary to Government
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
North Block, New Delhi- 110 001.
2. The Secretary to Government
Government of India
Ministry of Information and Technology Department
North Block, New Delhi- 110 001.
3. The Chief Secretary to the Government
Government of Tamil Nadu
Fort St. George, Secretariat
Chennai- 600 009.
4. The Secretary to Government
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5. The Director General of Police
Dr.RadhaKrishnan Road, Mylapore
Chennai- 600 004.
6. M/s.You Tube
Rep by its Chief Executive Officer
FIFC Level-7, Registered Office at Units 701
Plot No.C-54/55, G-Block
Bandra Kurla Complex Road
Bandra East, Mumbai, Maharastra- 400 051.
7. M/s. Face Book India Online Service Private Ltd.,
Rep by its Chief Executive Officer
Registered Office at Unit No. 1203 and 1204
Level-12, Building No.20, Raheja Mines Space
Cyberabad, Madhapur, High Tech City
Hyderabad, Telangana State- 500 081.
8. M/s.Instagram
Rep by its Chief Executive Officer
Registered Office Unit No. 1203 and 1204
Level-12,Building No.20, Raheja Mines Space
Cyberabad, Madhayapur, High Tech City
Hyderabad, Telangana State-500 081.
9. M/s. Disney + Hotstar
Rep by its Chief Executive Officer
Registered Office at 26th Floor, Urmi Estate
Ganapatra Ladam Marg, Lower Parel West
Mumbai, Maharastra- 400 013.
- 10.M/s. Big Flix Private Ltd
Rep by its Chief Executive Officer,
Registered Office at 49/50, 4th Floor
Maruti Chambers, Veera Desai
West Mumbai, Extn Road, Andheri.
- 11.M/s.Voot Rep by its Chief Executive Officer,



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Registered Office at Zion Biz World, A Vile Park (East)
Mumbai, India- 400 057.

12.M/S.Sony Pictires Networks India Pvt (Sony Live)

Rep by its Chief Executive Officer
Registered Office at No.31/1, Old No.12
Shaffee Mohamed Road, Thousand Lights
Chennai- 600 006.

13.M/s.MX Player

Rep by its Chief Executive Officer
Registered Office at 2nd Floor
Kana Kia Wall Street, Andheri
Kurla Road, Chakala Hanuman Nagar
Andheri East, Mumbai- 400 093.

14.M/s.Zee 5

Rep by its Chief Executive Officer
Registered Office at 18th Floor
A-Wing Marathon Futurex
Lower Parel, Mumbai, India- 400 013.

15.M/s. Netflix Entertainment Services India

Rep by its Chief Executive Officer
Registered Office at Level 7
4th North Avenue, Bandra Kurla Complex
Bandra East, Mumbai, India- 400 051.

16.The Managing Director

M/s. Behind Woods
No.118E, Velachery Main Road
Little Mount, Guindy, Chennai-600 032.

17.The Managing Director

M/s.Cine Ulagam, No.16, 1st Floor,
Rajaji Street, Saidapet, Chennai-600 015.

17.The Managing Direcor



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M/s.Galatta Media Private Limited
Unit 701, Raheja Towers, Sigma Wing
177, Anna Salai, Nance Salai, Chennai- 600 002.

18.The Managing Director
M/s. Tamil Little Talks
No.106/3, CSI Kovil Street
Chennai-600 127.

19.The Managing Director
M/s. India Glitz
No.5, TM Durga Main Street, Lloyds Road
Krishnapuram, Royapettah
Chennai-600 002.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 4 herein to form a Board/Regulatory Authority such as Central Board of Film Certificate (CBFC) to censor the contents being uploaded in the Social Medias sites of the respondents 6 to 20 in the form of Short Films, Interviews, Reality Shows, Web Series, Videos or in any other form, consequently restrict the opening of YouTube Channels in the 5th respondent site by forming a regulations such as granting of license/ permission by the board/Authority within a time frame stipulated by this Hon'ble Court.

For the Petitioner : Mr.S.Duganth Sam Abraham

For the Respondents : Mr.A.Kumaraguru
for Respondents 1 & 2



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Mr.P.Muthukumar
State Government Pleader
for Respondents 3 to 5

Mr.Tejas Karla
for Respondents 7 & 8

Mr.C.Arun Kumar
for Respondents 11 & 12

Mr.A.K.Ragavulu
for Respondent-13

Mr.P.Giridharan
for Respondent-15

Mr.A.J.Mohammed Kasim
for Respondent 16

No appearance
for Respondents 14 & 18

ORDER

(Made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions, submits that the prayers in the writ petition have become infructuous.

2. In the light of that, the writ petition stands disposed of.



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There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, W.M.P.Nos.12382, 16942, 17686 and 12380 of 2020 are closed.

(S.V.G., CJ.)

(D.B.C., J.)

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