



W.P.Nos.20164 & 20167 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25.07.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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Sriram Panchu

.. Petitioner in
both W.Ps.

[Substituted vide order dated
22.04.2024 in WMP Nos.11977
& 11978/24]

Vs.

The Madras High Court
Rep. by its Registrar General
NSC Bose Road
Chennai 600 104.

.. Respondent in
both W.Ps.

Prayer : Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking

(i) a writ of Declaration declaring that Rule 7(8) of the Madras High Court Designation of Senior Advocates Rules, 2020 as ultra vires offending Article 14 of the Constitution of India; and

(ii) a writ of Mandamus directing the respondent to reconsider the designation of those learned advocates who were approved by the Permanent Committee as fit for senior designation pursuant to the notification No.204/2020 dated 16.09.2020, Notification No.1/2022 dated 30.06.2022 but did not secure majority in the impugned secret ballot conducted by the Full Court.



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Senior Counsel
For Mr.T.Ramkumar

For Respondent : Mr.S.Mahesh

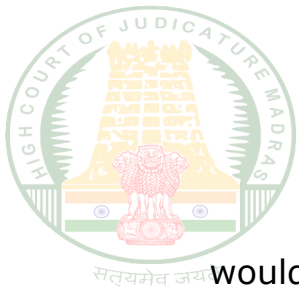
ORDER

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

Though short accommodation is prayed for, we are not inclined to grant adjournment in this case in view of the subsequent events.

2. During the pendency of this petition, Hon'ble Supreme Court has passed an order on 13.05.2025 in ***Jitender @ Kalla v. State (Govt. of NCT of Delhi) and another in Crl.A.No.865 of 2025*** issuing directions for amendment of the Rules relating to the designation of Senior Advocates.

3. Learned counsel for the respondent, upon instructions,



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would submit that in compliance of the directions issued by the Supreme Court, the High Court on administrative side has already taken up the matter and amendment in the existing Rules are in contemplation.

3. Taking into consideration these new developments, we are not inclined to keep these two petitions pending, but to dispose of.

4. It goes without saying that it will be open to the petitioner to lay challenge in case, the Rules that may be framed are not in accordance with the directions issued by the Supreme Court in the matter.

5. Petitions are disposed. There shall be no order as to costs.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (SUNDER MOHAN,J)
25.07.2025

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