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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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1. Indian Association Of
Dermatologists, Venereologists And
Leprologists-tamil Nadu Branch,
Rep. By Its President,
Regn.S.No.13./2011, No.
322(808)2b, Periyar Evr
Salai,Kilpauk, Chennai -600 010

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Union Of India
Represented By Its Secretary,
Ministry Of Health And Family
Welfare, A-wing, Niraman Bhawan,
Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi
-110 001.

2.The State Of Tamil Nadu,
Represented By Its Secretary To
Government, Department Of
Health And Family Welfare, Fort
St. George, Chennai -600 009.

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3.National Medical Commission,
Represented By Its Secretary,
Pocket-14, Sector-8, Dwarka
Phase-1, New Delhi -110 077.

4.Dental Council Of India,
Represented By Its Secretary,
National Dental Commission
Building, Plot No. 14, Near
Sangam Cincems, Sector-9, Rama
Krishna Puram, New Delhi -110
022.

5.The Tamil Nadu Medical Council ,
Represented By Its Registrar, No.
959 And 960, Poonamallee High
Road, Purasaiwakkam, Chennai
-600 084, (near Egmroe Csi Weley
Church),

6.The Tamil Nadu Dental Council,
Represented By Its Registrar, 5-0-
3, Arihant Majestic Towers, 216,
100 Feet Road, Jai Nagar,
Koyambedu, Chennai -600 107.

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): Mr. S.Mahimai Raj

For Respondent(s):Mr. K.S.Jeyaganeshan

For R1.

Mr. E.Vijay Anand

Addl. Govt. Pleader

For R2.

Ms. Shubharanjani Ananth Stdg.

Counsel For R3.

Mr. Subramanian Vaidyanathan

For R4.

Mr. U.Baranidharan For R5.



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ORDER

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

In W.P.No.36164 of 2024, the guidelines dated 06.12.2022 issued by the Dental Council of India authorising practice of Aesthetic and Hair Transplant procedures for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons are under challenge.

2. According to the petitioner, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons are not authorised under the law to undertake and practice Aesthetic and Hair Transplant procedures, as it is not under the domain of Dental Council of India, but National Medical Commission.

3. The Dental Council of India and the National Medical Commission, who have filed their respective counter-affidavits, have taken contrary stands and if we may say so, are at loggerheads.

4. The matter requires consideration by a team of experts as may be appointed by the Central Government.



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5. Shri Jeyaganeshan, learned counsel representing the first respondent/Union of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, is granted four weeks' time to file his reply and also submit as to how the conflict is to be resolved through opinion of experts.

List on 19.02.2026.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)
21.01.2026

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