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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30.10.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,

CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

WP No. 16550 of 2018

CNR:{HCMA011013522018}

1. S.Cyril Alexander,
39/8, Starling Apartments, 2nd Street,
Akbarabad, Kodambakkam, Chennai-600 024.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Union of India,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Ministry of
Information amp Broadcasting, Room No.552,
A-Wing, Shastribhawan, New Delhi-110 001.

2.State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by the Principal Secretary, law
Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009.

3.The Chairman,
State Level Committee to Monitor the
Violation U/s.5 of COTPA, Health and family
Welfare Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.

4.The Director of Public

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Health and Preventive Medicine, DMS
Campus, Teynampet, Chennai-600 018.

5.Central Board of Film
Certification, Rep. by its Chairman, 35, 5th
Floor, Shastribhavan, Haddows Road,
Chennai-600 034.

6.Tamil Film Producers Council
No.606, Anna Salai, thousand Lights,
Chennai-600 006.

7.Sun Pictures,
A Unit of Sun Network Pvt.Ltd., Murasoli
Maran Towers, 73, MRC Nagar Main Road,
MRC Nagar, Chennai-600 028.

8.Joseph Vijay,
No.64, Kaveri Street, Saligramam,
Chennai-600 093.

9.A.R.Murugadoss,
No.9F, 3rd Block, C Block Apartment,
Shyamala Garden, No.136, Arcot Road,
Saligramam, Chennai-600 093.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the 3rd and 4th respondents to initiate prosecution against the production company, namely M/s.Sun Pictures, and its Parent company Sun Network Pvt. Ltd., i.e. the 7th respondent herein along with the 8th and 9th respondents jointly and severally, under Section 5 of the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulations of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 within a time frame fixed by this Court and further directing the 2nd respondent to take steps to implement the Tamil Nadu (Compulsory Censorship of Film Publicity Materials) Act 1987 and subsequently take appropriate action against the 7th to 9th respondents for violating the Tamil Nadu (Compulsory Censorship fo Film Publicity Materials) Act 1987 within time frame fixed by this court

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and consequently, direct the 1st respondent to constitute a Corpus Fund for the Welfare of Cancer Patient and impose on the Respondents 7 to 9 each a sum of Rs.10,00,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Crore Only) as damages and utilise the damages as funds for the Government Cancer Hospital at Royapettah, and finally direct the 5th respondent to grant Film Certification to the Tamil move "SARKAR" of the Banner of SUN PICTURES only after the said orders have been completely executed on the part of the respondents 7 to 9.

For Petitioner(s): No appearance

For Respondent(s): Mr.N.Manikandan
for R1
Mr.L.Gokulraj,
Addl Govt Pleader
for RR 2 to 4
Mr.Rahul Balaji
for R7

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ORDER

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

No one appears for the petitioner. The writ petition, is therefore, dismissed for want of prosecution.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, CJ.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)
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To

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