



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-06-2026

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**THE HON'BLE DR JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN
AND
THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE N. MALA**

Writ Petition No. 2709 of 2026
and
W.M.P.No. 2970 of 2026

R.Manivasakan (xxxx)

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Secretary to Government
Represented by Union of India,
Ministry of Electronics and Information
Technology,
6 Lodhi Road, CGO Complex, Pragati Vihar,
Electronics Niketan,
New Delhi-110003
2. The Registrar General
The Hon'ble High Court of Madras
(Principal Bench)
Chennai-600 104
3. The Registrar (IT -Cum-Statistics)
The Honble High Court of Madras
(Principal Bench),
Chennai-600 104
4. The Indian Kanoon
Rep. By its Proprietor Sushant Sinha,
Office Address at No.724, 1st Floor 9th Cross,
10th Main Road,
Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560 038



5. Google India Private Ltd.,
Google LLC, Rep. By its Managing Director,
1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View,
CA 94043, United States,
Regional Head Office for India at No.3,
RMZ Infinity, Tower E, Old Madras Road,
Bangalore -560 016

6. Manupatra Information Solution Private
Limited
Rep. by its Managing Director,
B.37, Sector 1, Noida,
Uttar Pradesh 201301

7. SCC Online,
Rep. by its Managing Director,
Eastern Book Co. Pvt. Ltd.,
5-B, Atma Ram House,
1, Tolstoy Marg, Connaught Place,
New Delhi-110001

8. WWW. CASEMINE .COM
Rep. By its Founder Aniruddha Yadav,
2102-2103 Express Trade Tower-2,
Sector 132 Noida,
Uttar Pradesh -201301

9. Supreme Today AI
Rep. by its Managing Director,
M/s. Vinodh Publications (P) Ltd.,
3A BQ, Market,
Shalimar Bagh,
Delhi-110088

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a **Writ of Mandamus**, directing the respondents 2 and 3 to redact/remove the name and address details of the petitioner and his son M. Niranjana in the digital records maintained by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras



in O.P.No.197 of 2010 order dated 31.10.2012 and consequently to direct the respondents 4 to 9 to redact/remove the name and address of the petitioner and his son M. Niranjan in the digital records and search engine maintained by them and to pass.

For Petitioner:

Mr.Rajasrinivas

For M/s. P.V.S.Giridhar Associates

For Respondents:

Ms.S. Indumathi Ravi

Special Government Pleader For R1

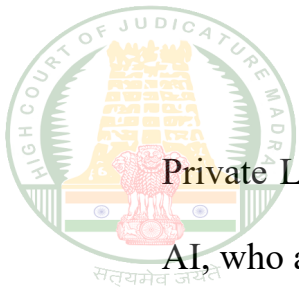
Mr.P.Ebenezer Paul For R2 and R3

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by Dr.G.Jayachandran J.)

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to redact or remove the names of the petitioner and his son from the judgment passed in O.P. No. 197 of 2010 on the file of this Court, before uploading or displaying it on online platforms, in order to protect their right to privacy.

2. The petitioner herein has filed O.P.No.421 of 2004 before the Family Court, Chennai, seeking dissolution of his marriage and obtained a divorce decree. Thereafter, he sought custody of his son by filing O.P.No.197 of 2010 before this Court. The order passed in the custody petition has been uploaded on various digital legal databases and online search engines, including Indian Kanoon, Google India Private Limited, Manupatra Information Solution



Private Limited, SCC Online, WWW. CASEMINE .COM and Supreme Today

AI, who are arrayed as respondents herein.

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3. The Judgment of High Court and the Hon'ble Supreme Court including Justice K.S.Puttuswamy Vs. Union of India case cited in support of the prayer.

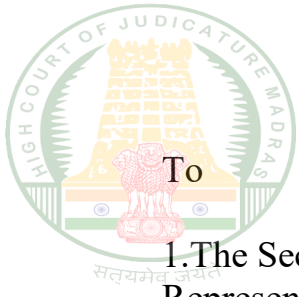
4. Considering the plea of the petitioner, who intends to preserve his privacy and if such preservation is not acquired by way of information uploading of the judgment, we are of the view that the providers of search engines who are arrayed as respondents are to be directed to redact the names wherever found in the judgment relating to the petitioner and his son.

5. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed. No costs.

(Dr.G.J.,J.) (N.M.,J.)
29-06-2026

Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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