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W.P.No.22971 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05.11.2024

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.K.R.SHRIRAM, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY

W.P.No.22971 of 2023

N.MAHENDRA BABU

.. Petitioner

Vs

1. THE REGISTRAR GENERAL  
HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS,  
CHENNAI – 600 104.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU  
STATE REP. BY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,  
HOME DEPARTMENT,  
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI.

3. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE  
DR.RADHAKRISHNAN SALAI,  
MYLAPORE, CHENNAI – 600 004.

.. Respondents

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondent to consider the petitioner's representation on 17.07.2023 to the 1st respondent in vernacular more particularly to frame rules as to the maximum number of advocate appearing and accompanying the VIP/VVIP, litigant and public whenever they appear in the subordinate courts.



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For Petitioner : Mr.R.Ganesan

For Respondent : Mr.B.Vijay  
for 1<sup>st</sup> respondent

: Mr.A.Edwin Prabakar  
State Government Pleader  
assisted by Mr.Habeeb Rahman  
Government Advocate  
for respondents 2 and 3

: Mr.C.K.Chandrasekar  
for the Bar Council of Tamil  
Nadu and Puducherry

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made  
by SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY,J.)

The petitioner is an advocate who has filed this writ petition as a public interest litigation. The grievance canvassed by him is that a large number of advocates are accompanying parties, especially VIPs/VVIPs, to the court room in sensitive cases and that this is causing inconvenience to other advocates and litigants.



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2. The petitioner has presented this petition after submitting a representation dated 17.7.2023 to the first respondent to frame rules restricting the number of advocates appearing for and accompanying VIPs/VVIPs.

3. The admitted position is that there is no enactment at present which fixes the number of persons who can appear on behalf of or accompany a party to Court. In the absence of a public duty on the first respondent to impose restrictions with regard to the number of advocates appearing for or accompanying VIPs/VVIPs, the petitioner is not entitled to a mandamus as prayed for.

For the reasons aforesaid, W.P.No.22971 of 2023 is dismissed without any order as to costs. W.M.P.No.25069 of 2023 stands closed.

(K.R.SHRIRAM, C.J.)

(SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY, J.)

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