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M.DHANDAPANI,J.

On 17.10.2024, this Court passed the following order:

"The petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to duly notify the appellate authority as per Sec.154(2) of the Petroleum Rules, 2002 based on the direction issued by this Court in W.P.No.29707 of 2022 so as to enable the appellate authority to decide the issue.

2.This Court repeatedly adjourned the matter from 19.09.2024 onwards. As a final chance, the first respondent is directed file a report before this Court on or before 28.10.2024, failing which, the first respondent shall appear before this Court on 28.10.2024 at 10.30a.m., however, the appearance of the first respondent is dispensed with if he notify the appellate authority as per Sec.154(2) of the Petroleum Rules, 2002 in terms of the order passed by this Court in W.P.No.29707 of 2022.

3.Post the matter on 28.10.2024."



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2.Today, when the matter was taken up for consideration, the first respondent appeared through Video Conferencing platform and submitted that the first respondent is not the competent Authority to address the issue and the competent Authority is the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Home, P&E Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

3.The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Home, P&E Department, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009 has forwarded a letter dated 28.10.2024 to the learned Additional Government Pleader requesting the learned Additional Government Pleader to seek exemption from personal appearance and three weeks time for filing report in the matter.

4.In view of the above, the matter stands adjourned to 18.11.2024 for filing report with regard to notification of the appellate authority as per Sec.154(2) of the Petroleum Rules, 2002.

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