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W.M.P.(MD) No.2255 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 02.02.2026

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE G.JAYACHANDRAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN**

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in

W.P.(MD) No.2668 of 2026

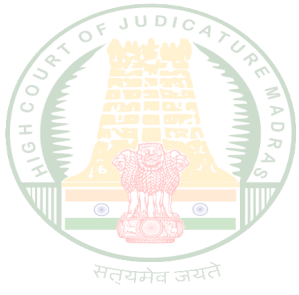
The Manager & Correspondent
Dhanapaul Middle School
Sulthan Nagar, Bibikulam
Madurai-2

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu
rep.by its Secretary to Government
Education Department
Secretariat, Fort St.George
Chennai-600 001
- 2.The Director of Elementary Education
DPI Compound, College Road
Nungambakkam, Chennai-600 006
- 3.The District Educational Officer (Elementary)
Madurai District
- 4.The Block Educational Officer
Madurai West, Madurai
Madurai District

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to grant interim stay of operation of Sections 3 to 6, 10 and 11, 13, 15 to 18, 20, 22 to 32, 34 to 38, 41 to 45, 47, 55 to 57 of the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Act, 2018 and Rules 5 to 8, 10 and 11, 13, 16 and 17, 21 and 22, 27 to 36, 39 and 40 to 42 of the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Rules, 2023, in so far as it relates to the petitioner school management and all consequent proceedings emanating thereof, pending disposal of the writ petition.

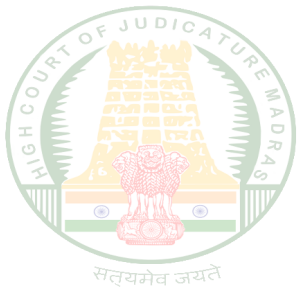
For Petitioner : Mr.S.N.Ravichandran

For Respondents : Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by DR.G.JAYACHANDRAN, J.]

In view of the interim order dated 28.04.2023 passed by this Court in W.P.No.13246 of 2023 etc. batch, which have been filed by the Minority Institutions challenging the constitutional *vires* of the Tamil Nadu Private Schools (Regulation) Act, 2018 and the Rules thereof framed in the year 2023, directing the respondents therein to maintain *status quo* on the



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date of the Judgment of the Division Bench of this Court dated 17.12.1975, we are of the view that the same benefit i.e., interim order of *status quo* has to be extended to the petitioner herein also.

2. Accordingly, there shall be an order of *status quo* in the present case also and the respondents are directed to maintain *status quo* on the date of the Judgment of the Division Bench of this Court dated 17.12.1975 until further orders.

3. Notice.

[G.J., J.] [K.K.R.K., J.]

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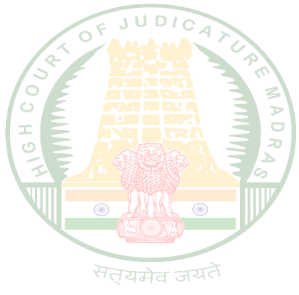
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To:

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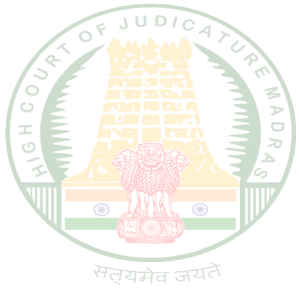
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