

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO.8281 OF 2014
[ARISING OUT OF S.L.P. (C) NO. 21214 OF 2008]

TAMIL NADU ROAD DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD. ... APPELLANT(s)

Versus

TAMIL NADU INFORMATION COMMISSION AND ... RESPONDENT(s)
ANOTHER

O R D E R

Leave granted.

2. Respondent No. 1 - Tamil Nadu Information Commission (for short "the Commission") by its order dated 21.5.2008 held that the appellant-Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Limited is a 'public authority' under Section 2(h) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (for short "2005 Act") and directed the appellant to furnish the required information to the respondent No. 2.

3. The appellant filed a writ petition before the High Court challenging the order of the

Commission which came to be dismissed by the single Judge. An intra-court appeal was filed by the appellant before the Division Bench of the High Court which too has been dismissed.

4. This is how matter has come up before us in appeal, by special leave.

5. We are informed by Mr. Gautam Narayan, No. 2 that in view of the interim order which was operative during the pendency of the writ petition, writ appeal and the present appeal, the required information has not been furnished by the appellant so far and now that information has lost its significance.

6. Mr. Senthil Jagadeesan, learned counsel for the appellant and Mr. Gautam Narayan, learned counsel for the respondent No. 2 are in agreement that now the project with regard to which information was sought is also complete.

7. Having regard to the above, we are satisfied that merits of the civil appeal need not be gone by us. The question of law as to whether

the appellant is a 'public authority' under Section 2(h) of 2005 Act is kept open.

8. Civil Appeal is disposed of as above. No costs.

.....CJI.
(R.M. LODHA)

.....J.
(KURIAN JOSEPH)

NEW DELHI;
AUGUST 26, 2014

.....J.
(ROHINTON FALI NARIMAN)

ITEM NO.11

COURT NO.1

SECTION XII

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 21214/2008

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 05/08/2008
in WA No. 811/2008 passed by the High Court Of Madras)

T.NADU ROAD DEVELOPMENT CO.LTD.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

T.NADU INFORMATION COMMISSION & ANR.

Respondent(s)

[with appln. for exemption from filing C/C of the impugned judgment
and permission to file additional documents and office report)

Date : 26/08/2014 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KURIAN JOSEPH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHINTON FALI NARIMANFor Petitioner(s) Mr. Senthil Jagadeesan, Adv.
Mr. Govind Manoharan, Adv.For Respondent(s) Mr. Gautam Narayan, Adv.
Mr. Nikhil Nayyar, Adv.UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E RLeave granted.
Civil Appeal is disposed of in terms of signed
order. No costs.(PARDEEP KUMAR)
AR-cum-PS(RENU DIWAN)
COURT MASTER

[SIGNED ORDER IS PLACED ON THE FILE]