

W.P.No.13055 of 2021

THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY, J.

(Made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

The first petitioner is an association of several of the leading media companies in the country representing both the print and the television media. The challenge here is to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

2. There is an earlier petition, W.P.No.12515 of 2021, which has been filed in this regard. Tag the present petition with W.P.No.12515 of 2021.

3. Issue notice to the respondents. A copy of the petition should be forwarded to the office of learned Additional Solicitor-General. The respondents should file their counter-affidavits within a fortnight from date. The matter will appear three weeks hence.

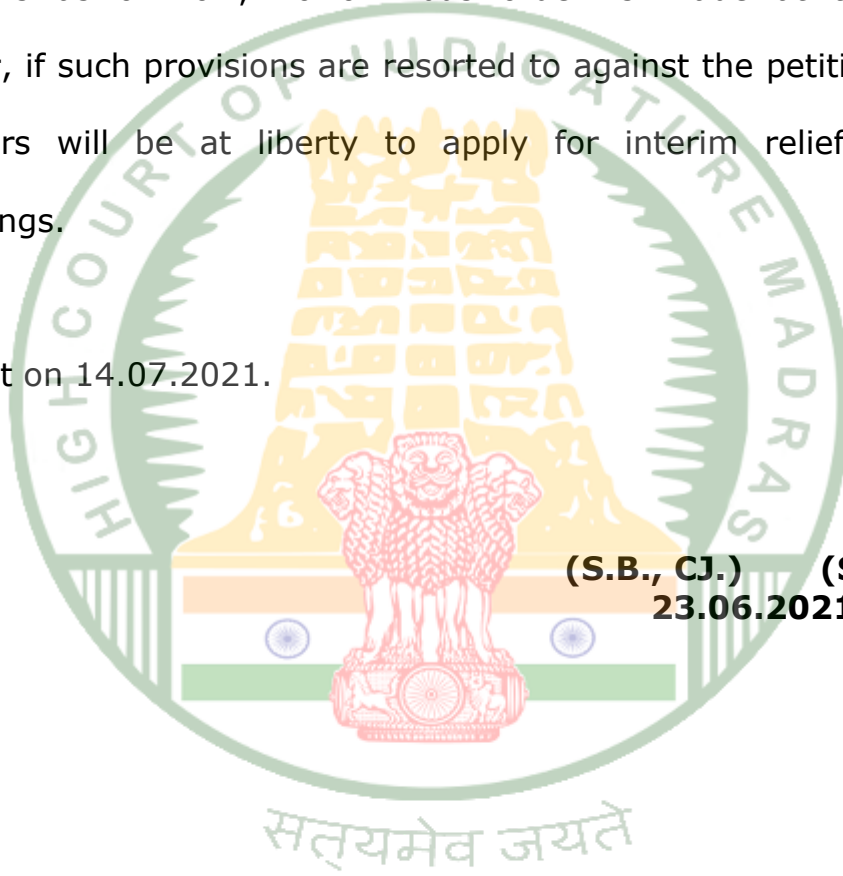
4. The petitioners seek an interim order restraining the operation of Rules 12, 14 and 16 of the said Rules of 2021 and submit that there

is sufficient basis for the petitioners' apprehension that coercive and arm twisting action may be taken under such provisions.

5. Since no adverse action has been initiated against the petitioners as of now, no omnibus order is made at this stage. However, if such provisions are resorted to against the petitioners, the petitioners will be at liberty to apply for interim relief in these proceedings.

List on 14.07.2021.

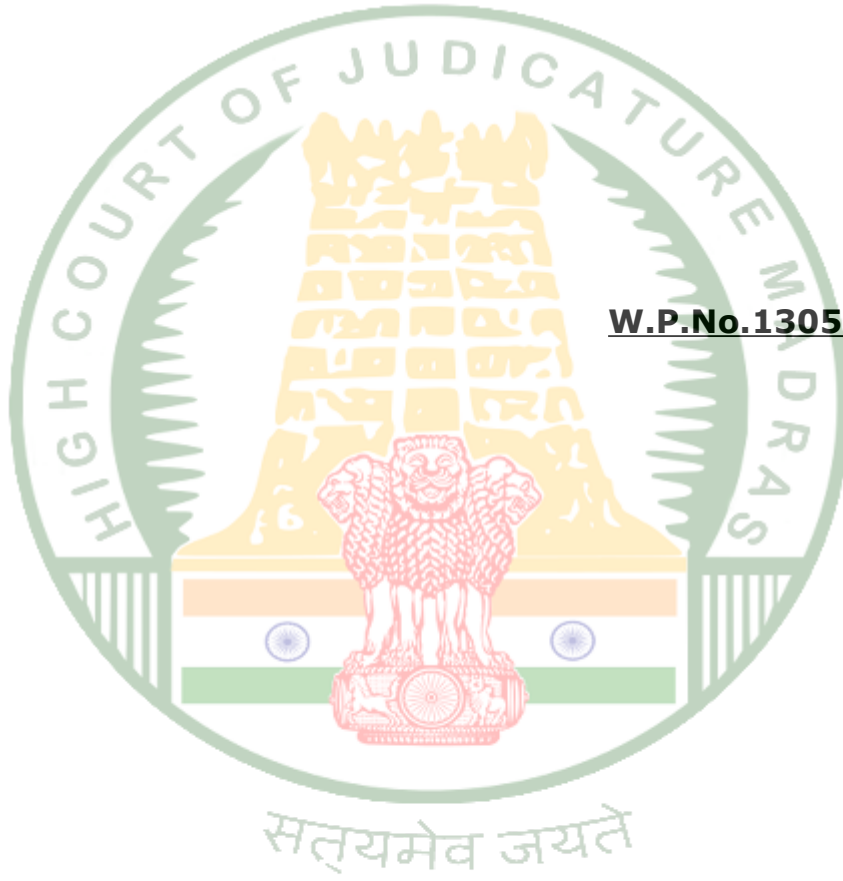
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