IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

Wednesday, the Tenth day of February Two Thousand Twenty One PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SANJIB BANERJEE, CHIEF JUSTICE

and

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY

WP.Nos.18022, 18029, 18044, 19374 & 19380 of 2020

1 JUNGLEE GAMES INDIA PRIVATE ...PETITIONER in WP No.18022 of 2020 LIMITED REPRESENTED BY ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE MR.RAHUL NANDKUMAR BHARDWAJ HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT 5TH FLOOR TOWER A BUILDING 10 DLF PHASE 2, SECTOR 24 GURUGRAM, HARYANA 122022

2 RAHUL NANDKUMAR BHARDWAJ

1 PLAY GAMES 24 X 7 PRIVATE ... PETITIONER in WP No.18029 of 2020 LIMITED REPRESENTED BY ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE MR.MALAY KUMAR SHUKLA HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT 5TH FLOOR CENTRAL WING (B) TOWER-4 NESCO IT PARK, NESCO CENTRE, WESTERN EXPRESS HIGHWAY, GOREGAON (E), MUMBAI-400 063.

2 BHAVIN PANDYA

1 HEAD DIGITAL WORKS PRIVATE ...PETITIONER in WP No.18044 of 2020 LIMITED (FORMERLY KNOWN AS HEAD INFOTECH INDIA PVT.LTD) REPRESENTED BY ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE MR.DEEPAK GULLAPALLI HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT OFFICE NO.2, IST FLOOR, ASHI 19, ROUSE AVENUE, INSTITUTIONAL AREA NEWDELHI-110002.

HAVING ITS CORPORATE OFFICE AT 8TH FLOOR, ATRIA BLOCK, THE-V PLOT NO.17 SOFTWARE UNITS LAYOUT, MADHAPUR, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA -500 081

2 DEEPAK GULLAPALLI

1 GAMESKRAFT TECHNOLOGIES PVT... PETITIONER in WP No.19374 of 2020 LTD 1ST AND 2ND FLOOR IBIS HOTEL 26/1 HOSUR ROAD BOMMANAHALLI BANGALORE - 560068 https://hcservicespecentis.gov/ic/hcservicespecentis

- 2 PRITHVI RAJ SINGH 1ST AND 2ND FLOOR IBIS HOTEL 26/1 HOSUR ROAD, BOMMANAHALLI, BANGALORE - 560068
- 1 GAMESKRAFT TECHNOLOGIES PVT... PETITIONER in WP No.19380 of 2020 LTD 1ST AND 2ND FLOOR, IBIS HOTEL 26/1 HOSUR ROAD BOMMANAHALLI BANGALORE 560068 REP BY ITS DIRECTOR, MR.PRITHVI RAJ SINGH
- 2 PRITHVI RAJ SINGH 1ST AND 2ND FLOOR IBIS HOTEL 26/1 HOSUR ROAD BOMMANAHALLI BANGALORE - 560068

Vs

- 1 STATE OF TAMIL NADU ... RESPONDENT in WP No.18022,18029/2020 THROUGH CHIEF SECRETARY 18044/2020 SECRETARIAT FORT ST.

 GEORGE CHENNAI 600 001
- 2 STATE OF TAMILNADU
 DEPARTMENT OF HOME THROUGH PRINCIPAL
 SECRETARY SECRETARIAT FORT ST.GEORGE
 CHENNAI 600001
- 3 STATE OF TAMILNADU
 DEPARTMENT OF LAW THROUGH PRINCIPAL
 SECRETARY SECRETARIAT FORT ST.GEORGE
 CHENNAI 600 001
- 4 DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE STATE OF TAMILNADU OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL KAMARAJAR SALAI CHENNAI 600 004
- 1 STATE OF TAMIL NADU ... RESPONDENT in WP No.19374, 19380/2020 THROUGH SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT LAW DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT CHENNAI-09
- 2 COMMISSIONER OF POLICE FOR CHENNAI GREATER CHENNAI POLICE NO.132 COMMISSIONER OFFICE BUILDING EVK SAMPATH RD VEPERY, CHENNAI-600007
- 3 TAMIL NADU POLICE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE ADMIN DR.RADHAKRISHNAN SALAI, MYLAPORE CHENNAI-600004.

Writ Petition filed under article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issue a writ in the nature of writ of certiorari or any other appropriate writ or order or direction

1 WP No.18022 of 2020

to call for the records of ordinance No.11 of 2020 dated November 21, 2020, published in Government Gazette No.484 and quash the same

2 WP No.18029 of 2020

to call for the records of ordinance No.11 of 2020 dated November 21, 2020, published in Government Gazette No.484 and quash the same

3 WP No.18044 of 2020

to call for the records of ordinance No.11 of 2020 dated November 21, 2020, published in Government Gazette No.484 and quash the same

4 WP No.19374 of 2020

Grant a writ of declaration, or any other appropriate writ / direction / order, declaring that section 3-A of the Tamil Nadu Gaming Act, 1930 (as introduced by the Tamil Nadu Ordinance No.11 of 2020) does not apply to the game of rummy including online rummy

5 WP No.19380 of 2020

Grant a writ of declaration, or any other appropriate writ / direction / order, declaring that section 3-A of the Tamil Nadu Gaming Act (as introduced by the Tamil Nadu Ordinance No.11 of 2020) is ultra vires, The Constitution of India

Order: This petition coming on this day for hearing upon perusing the petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of M/S.SASHIDHAR SIVAKUMAR, Advocate for the petitioner in WP.No.18022, 18029, 18044/2020 and of M/S.ARUN KARTHIK MOHAN, Advocate for the petitioner in WP.No.19374, 19380/2020 the court made the following order:-

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

It is submitted by learned Advocate-General that the Ordinance that has been challenged is no longer relevant as a Bill has now been passed by the State Legislature and the same is awaiting the Governor's assent.

2. In the light of such subsequent event, leave is given to the petitioners to file a supplementary affidavit to challenge the Act after it receives the Governor's assent. Such supplementary affidavit should be filed within five days of the Governor's https://hcservices.ecourts.gov/m/hcservices/ assent being obtained. The supplementary affidavit may include additional prayers.

- 3. The respondents will have ten days thereafter to file their counter-affidavits to the supplementary affidavit. It will be open to the petitioners to keep a rejoinder, if necessary, ready.
 - 4. The matter will be listed at 2.15 pm on March 19, 2021. -sd/-10/02/2021

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- 1 THE CHIEF SECRETARY,
 GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU, SECRETARIAT
 FORT ST.GEORGE, CHENNAI 600 001
- 2 THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, STATE OF TAMILNADU DEPARTMENT OF HOME, SECRETARIAT, FORT ST.GEORGE, CHENNAI 600001
- 3 THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU DEPARTMENT OF LAW, SECRETARIAT, FORT ST.GEORGE, CHENNAI 600 001
- 4 DIRECTOR GENERL OF POLICE STATE OF TAMILNADU, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, KAMARAJAR SALAI, CHENNAI 600 004.
- 5 THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
 GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU LAW
 DEPARTMENT SECRETARIAT CHENNAI-09
- 6 COMMISSIONER OF POLICE FOR
 CHENNAI GREATER CHENNAI POLICE NO.132
 COMMISSIONER OFFICE BUILDING EVK SAMPATH RD
 VEPERY, CHENNAI-600007

7 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE TAMIL NADU POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMIN DR.RADHAKRISHNAN SALAI, MYLAPORE CHENNAI-600004.

Order

in

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