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PETITION FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (C) NO. 21487/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 31-07-2025 in WMP No. 30663/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras]

DRAVIDA MUNNETRA KAZHAGAM

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

THIRU. C.VE. SHANMUGAM & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

(IA No. 185188/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 186195/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

ITEM 16SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) DIARY NO. 43550/2025

Date : 06-08-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. VINOD CHANDRAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

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UPON hearing the counsel, the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed reportable judgment. The operative part of the judgment reads thus:

25. Time and again we have observed that the political battles should be fought before the electorate. At the cost of repetition, we observe that the Courts should not be used to settle the political scores between the rival political parties.

26. We are, therefore, of the considered view that the Writ Petition itself was not only misconceived in law, but also totally an abuse of the process of law.

27. Accordingly, while allowing the appeals, by quashing and setting aside the impugned order, we are also inclined to dismiss the Writ Petition with costs.

28. In the result, we pass the following order:

- i. The appeals are allowed;
- ii. The impugned order dated 31st July, 2025, passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras is hereby quashed and set aside;
- iii. The Writ Petition No. 27277 of 2025 pending before the High Court is withdrawn and transferred to this Court and is dismissed with costs quantified at Rs.10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakh), to be deposited with the State of Tamil Nadu;
- iv. The writ petitioner shall deposit the cost within a period of one week from today. On deposit of the said amount, the State shall use it only for the purposes of implementation of any of the welfare schemes floated for the underprivileged in the State; and
- v. On failure to deposit the cost within a period of one week, as aforesaid, the writ petitioner would be liable to be proceeded against for having committed the Contempt of this Court.

29. We place on record our appreciation for the valuable assistance provided by Mr. P.S. Raman, learned Advocate General for the State of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Mukul Rohatgi, Dr. A.M. Singhvi, Mr. P. Wilson, learned senior counsels and Mr. Maninder Singh, learned senior counsel ably assisted by Mr. Balaji Srinivasan, learned counsel.

30 All pending Interlocutory Applications stand disposed of."

(POOJA SHARMA)
AR-CUM-PS

(ANJU KAPOOR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed reportable judgment is placed on the file.)