

ITEM NO.52

COURT NO.3

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R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1253/2021

M. G. DEVASAHAYAM & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 147936/2021 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS and IA No. 1538/2023 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION)

Date : 04-08-2023 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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

The counter affidavit filed by the Election Commission of India sets out the contours and objective of Rule 18 of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960 (RER 1960). In terms of the

counter affidavit and the purpose behind the RER 1960, Rule 18 has to be read along with Rules 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 21A and 22 of the RER 1960.

In fact, the Election Commission of India has also issued letter no. 23/1/2013-ERS dated 11.12.2013 in this regard to prevent wrongful deletion of entries from the electoral rolls.

Accordingly, we dispose of the present writ petition with an observation that in case there are individual or specific lapses, it would be open to the parties, including the petitioners, to approach the State Election Commission or the concerned Election Officer. In case any such grievance is not redressed, the parties may take recourse to appropriate remedy in accordance with law.

Recording the aforesaid the writ petition is disposed of.

Pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(DEEPAK GUGLANI)
AR-cum-PS

(R.S. NARAYANAN)
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