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MANU/TN/1276/2015 Equivalent Citation: (2015)5MLJ218 IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADRAS (MADURAI BENCH) W.P.(MD). No. 2891 of 2015 Decided On: 04.03.2015 Appellants: Abdul Rahman Vs. Respondent: The Inspector of Police and Ors. Hon'ble Judges/Coram: B. Rajendran, J. Counsels: For Appellant/Petitioner/Plaintiff: V. Sasikumar For Respondents/Defendant: M. Alagathevan, Special Govt. Pleader Subject: Trusts and SocietiesCatch WordsMentioned IN Acts/Rules/Orders: Emblems And Names Prevention Of Improper Use Act 1950 - Section 4; Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975 - Section 9 Disposition: Petition Dismissed ORDER B. Rajendran, 1. The petitioner, who claims to be an advocate has registered a trust under the name of "Human Rights Watch" in the year 2010, allegedly for the purpose of providing legal assistance to the down-trodden people. According to the petitioner, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, Pattukottai had a quarrel with him. Therefore, the first respondent is now threatening the petitioner without an order from the Inspector General of Registration to change the nomenclature of the trust. Therefore, he has come forward with the present writ petition. 2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. M. Alagathevanr, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents. 3. The learned Special Government Pleader stated that already there is a Circular issued by the Central Government and the State Government to the effect that no one in the State can utilize the name "Human Rights" and under the name of "Human Rights", the people have been misusing and abusing the same. According to him, there can be only one Human Rights Commission and it shall be the State Human Rights Commission and no body can be permitted to use the name "Human Rights". For ready reference, the circulars issued by the Central and State Governments are extracted hereunder: "Circular dated 25.09.2009:- 5. It has come to the notice of the Commission that some NGOs/Organizations/Societies are getting themselves registered as society/trust/company with names similar to the National Human Rights Commission of State Human Rights Commission for example, using words such as "National Human Rights Association" or 'State Human Rights Association' etc. This attracts the provisions of Section 4 of the Emblems and Names [Prevention of Improper Use] Act, 1950. 6. Some instances of misuse of the name/logo of NHRC have also come to notice of the Commission. Some organizations are taking advantage of the similarity of their names with NHRC and SHRC in various manners. 7. May, I therefore, request you to: (a).Draw attention of all authorities registering societies/trusts/companies, etc., to the provisions of the Act with advice that if any organization applied for registration with a name/logo similar to NHRC or SHRC, the matter be referred to the Central Government under intimation to NHRC. (b) Advise all Dms/SDMs/SSPs that if any instances of misuse of name/logo of NHRC come to their notice, the matter should be reported to NHRC." Circular dated 29.12.2010:- "4. The Commission has written to Chief Secretaries of States and UTs to take strict action against such individuals/NGOs/Organizations misusing the name and logo of the Commission and misleading the public. 5. However, the practice of misusing the name and logo of the NHRC by the individuals/NGOs/Organizations is unabated and Commission has taken serious note of it. To check misuse of the name and Logo of the Commission, you are requested to: [c]. direct all Dms/SSPs to take immediate action against such individuals/NGOs/Organizations who are found misusing the name and logo of the Commission and ensure that nobody misuses the name and logo of the NHRC for personal gains and action taken report may be sent to NHRC. [b]. Direct Registrar of Societies in the State not to

register any organization having similar note/acronym/logo as NHRC, India. [c].give wide publicity in the local electronic and print media that there is no provision for registration, affiliation to the individuals/NGOs/Organizations with the National Human Rights Commission and Commission does not authorize any one to act on its behalf. The individuals/NGOs/Organizations misusing the name and logo of the NHRC will invite legal action against them." 5. A Full Bench of the Tamil Nadu State Human Rights Commission, in SHRC No. 1089 of 2009, had passed an order, directing the State Government to take appropriate action against Non-Governmental Organizations, misusing the words "Human Rights" in their logos and letter heads. On the recommendation of the Tamil Nadu State Human Rights Commission, the Tamil Nadu State Legislature amended Tamil Nadu Societies Registration Act, 1975, by Amendment Act 2 of 2010 and inserted the following provision to Societies Registration Act, 1975, [hereinafter referred to as the Principal

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