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The Press Council of India advises media to refrain from publishing any information with regard to the identity of the victims and their depositions in terms of the Order dated 02.09.2022 of Hon'ble High Court of Madras

The Hon'ble High Court of Madras, in CRL. M.P. No. 13621 of 2022 in CRL.OP.NO.12934 of 2021, in matter of The Inspector of Police, CBI, Special Crime Branch, Chennai Vs. Arulnantham @ Arul; The Nakkheeran Publications has passed the following directions:-

"Since the matter pertains to sexual abuse and sexual violence, all the print and electronic media are restrained from publishing and telecasting or broadcasting any materials pertaining to deposition of the victims or any of the witnesses.

The print and the electronic media are also further restrained from publishing and telecasting or broadcasting the identities of the victims, their family members and the witnesses, who depose at the trial either in morphed form or blurred form;

The print and the electronic media are also restrained from publishing any documentary evidence or any digital evidence that may be marked during the course of trial. In essence, the print and electronic media are restrained from publishing any oral or documentary material connected with the trial of the case."

It is made clear that any infraction by the print or electronic media of the aforesaid directions would entail in severe action being initiated by this Court against the said entity.

The Print media is required to take note of the above direction for adherence.

