

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 15-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE C.V. KARTHIKEYAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL

WP(MD) No. 18367 of 2026

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Director of Handlooms
Office of the Director of Handlooms,
No.6, Chennai House,
4th Floor, Esplanade Road,
Chennai-600 108.
2. The Secretary to Government
Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textils and
Khadi Department,
Fort St.George, Secretariat,
Chennai 600 009.
3. The Assistant Director of Handlooms
Madurai Region,
Madurai.
4. The Assistant Enforcement Officer
Handlooms (Production Wing),
Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for
Production) Act 1985,
Reservation Unit No. 6,
Kakkan street, Seigai nagar,
Madurai 625 020.
5. B.L.Kothandaraman

..Respondent(s)



Writ Petition- filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this court to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 4 to consider the petitioners representation dated 04.02.2026 and conduct a detailed inquiry under Section 81 of the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Act 1983 into the irregularities and misappropriation of Funds in MH 247 Sri Sudarsanam Handloom Weaving and Sales Cooperative Society, Madurai and consequently take appropriate legal action and recover the loss caused to the Government and the Society from the 5th respondent within the time frame fixed by this Court.

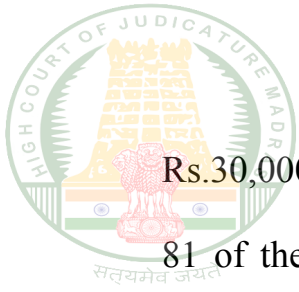
For Petitioner(s):	Mr.P.Manimegalai
For Respondent(s):	Mr.S.I.Muthiah (R1 to R4)
	Counsel for the State
	Mr.T.R.Subramanian (R5)

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by C.V.Karthikeyan J.)

The writ petition has been filed in the nature of a mandamus seeking a direction against the respondents 1 to 4 to consider the representation dated 04.02.2026 and to conduct inquiry under Section 81 of the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Act, 1983 with respect to Sri Sudarsanam Handloom Weaving and Sales Cooperative Society, Madurai.

2.The primary aim of the petitioner is focused against the 5th respondent, who has since retired from service, that he had been drawing a sum of



Rs.30,000/- as salary and therefore, an inquiry must be conducted under Section 81 of the Act. This, in effect, is questioning the service conditions of the 5th respondent. Public Interest Litigation can never be invoked with respect to this particular jurisdiction. The petitioner is a stranger to the society.

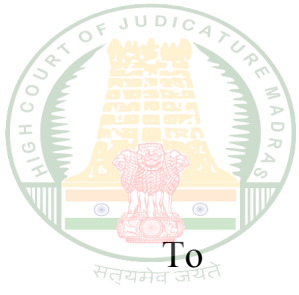
3. Admittedly, inquiry under Section 81 of the Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Act, 1983 can be initiated only by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies or on the application of majority of the Board Members of not less than 1/3 of members or on the request of the financing Bank or of the District Collector. The petitioner is a stranger. He cannot seek an inquiry to be conducted under Section 81 of the Act.

4. The Writ Petition stands dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

(C.V.K.,J.) (R.S.V.,J.)
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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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