

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06.08.2015

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH K. AGNIHOTRI
and
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.K. SASIDHARAN

W.P. No. 24185 of 2015

1 M. Valarmathi

2 M. Sudha

Petitioners

Vs.

The Revenue Divisional Officer
Dharmapuri
Dharmapuri District

Respondent

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of mandamus directing the respondent to issue Kurumans (S.T.) community certificate to the petitioners and their children based on their representations dated 06.04.2015 and 21.05.2015 respectively.

For petitioner Mr. M. Ravi

For respondent Mrs. P.S. Sivashanmugasundaram
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by SATISH K. AGNIHOTRI, J.)

Mr. P.S. Sivashanmugasundaram, learned Special Government Pleader, accepts notice for the respondent. With the consent of the learned counsel for the parties, the writ petition is taken up for final disposal, at the admission stage itself.

2 Seeking a direction to the respondent to issue Kurumans (S.T.) community certificate to them and their children based on their representations dated 6th April 2015 and 21st May 2015 respectively, the petitioners, who are said to be siblings, have preferred the instant writ petition.

3 The case of the petitioners is that they made the aforesaid applications seeking issuance of the said social status/community certificate, enclosing a copy of the proceedings

dated 27th March 2015 of the State Level Scrutiny Committee, whereunder, the Kurumans (S.T.) community certificate of their sister by name M. Sumathi has been verified and found to be genuine. As such, they and their children are also entitled to get such certificate. Nonetheless, the applications are still pending consideration. Hence, the present writ petition for the aforesaid relief.

4 The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondent submits that after proper enquiry, examining the relevant documents enclosed with the petitioner's applications, appropriate orders shall be passed within a period of four weeks.

5 Regard being had to the fact that the application for issuance of the aforesaid community certificate is pending consideration, we are not inclined to make any observation. However, we deem it proper to direct the concerned authority/the respondent to consider the application, conduct enquiry and examine all relevant documents produced before it and take the final decision on application, on its own merit and in accordance with law. The competent authority is further required to examine the certificate of the relative M. Sumathi with regard to the relationship as the said certificate has high probative value and the same cannot be discredited and wished away lightly. The respondent is directed to take the decision expeditiously.

6 With the above observation and direction, the writ petition stands disposed of. Costs made easy.

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Asst.Registrar (CS II)

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Sub Asst. Registrar

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The Revenue Divisional Officer
Dharmapuri
Dharmapuri District

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