

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 03.11.2015

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE T.S.SIVAGNANAM

WP.No.26113 of 2015
and
M.P.No.1 of 2015

G.Venkatramana

...Petitioner

Versus

1. The Director,
Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Department,
Ezhilagam, Chepauk,
Chennai - 600 005.
2. The District Collector,
Thiruvallur District,
Thiruvallur.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Thiruthani,
Thiruvallur District.
4. The Block Development Officer,
Pallipattu Panchayat Union,
Pallipattu, Thiruvallur District.

5. A.G.Karunakaran

...Respondents

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 4 to take appropriate action as against the 5th respondent based on my representation dated 23.03.2015 and pass necessary order to disqualify the 5th respondent from performing the functions of Union Councilor Ward No.7 of Pallipattu Union Thiruvallur District.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.V.Selvasekaran
For Respondents 1 to 4 : Mr.S.Diwakar
Additional Government Pleader
For Respondent 5 : Mr.S.Doraisamy

ORDER

The petitioner seeks for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents 1 to 4 to take appropriate action against the fifth respondent, on the ground that, the fifth respondent has produced bogus Community Certificate, and therefore, the fifth respondent is not entitled to function as Ward Councilor of Pallipattu Union, Thiruvallur District.

2. On perusal of the averments made in the affidavit, filed in support of the Writ Petition, as well as on reading of the prayer in the Writ Petition, it is seen that the petitioner has canvassed two issues. If the petitioner's case is that, the fifth respondent has produced a bogus Community Certificate, he has to approach the District Collector by way of representation. On the other hand, if the petitioner challenges the election of the fifth respondent as Ward Councilor, the remedy available is under the provisions of District Municipality Act. Therefore, both these prayers cannot be rolled into one. But, the primary allegation, as could be seen from the affidavit and representation dated 23.03.2015, is as regards the communal status of the fifth respondent. If that is the case, then, it is for the second respondent to consider the petitioner's representation.

3. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of, directing the second respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 23.03.2015 and examine the same, after notice to the petitioner and fifth respondent, and pass appropriate orders on merits in accordance with law. If the second respondent is of the opinion that the matter has to be referred to the competent authority, for verifying the genuineness of the Community Certificate, he can do so, in accordance with law.

4. The second respondent is directed to comply with the above directions, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The petitioner is

directed to enclose a copy of the said representation dated 23.03.2015, along with the copy of this order and forward the same to the second respondent for passing orders. No costs. Consequently, connected M.P.No.1 of 2015 is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

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1 CC to the Government Pleader, SR.No. 60736

1 CC to Mr.V.V.Selvasekaran, Advocate SR.No. 60214

1 CC to Mr.S.Doraisamy, Advocate SR.No. 60280

1 CC to Mr.D.Suriya Narayanan, Advocate SR.No. 61019

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