



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 21.09.2016

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.NAGAMUTHU
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.V.MURALIDARAN

W.P.[MD].No.3150 of 2015

Father of the Constitution of India Foundation,
(Dr.Ambedkar Foundation India)
rep. by its Managing Trustee,
Pon.Dhammabala
S/o.R.Ponnusamy

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. State of Tamil Nadu,
rep. by its Chief Secretary,
Fort St. George, Chennai -9.
2. The Principal Secretary,
Municipal Administration and Water
Distribution Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai -9.
3. The Principal Secretary,
Rural Development and Panchayat
Raj Department, Fort St. George,
Chennai -9.

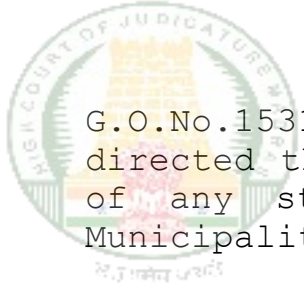
... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to prohibit caste names which are in using to name streets and places in Tamil Nadu based on G.O.No.1531/1978, dated 03.10.1978.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Karthick
For respondents : Mr.M.Govindan,
Special Government Pleader

O R D E R

[Order of the Court was made by S.NAGAMUTHU, J.]



G.O.No.1531/1978, dated 03.10.1978, wherein the Government has directed that the caste name should not be reflected in the names of any street, Town or any area within the limits of any Municipality or Panchayat.

2. According to the petitioner, in the electoral roll issued by the Election Commission, many streets have been mentioned in the name of the caste.

3. The learned Special Government Pleader, on instructions, would submit that so far as the State Government is concerned, the caste names have already been removed to the streets and roads. The said statement is recorded.

4. In our considered view, if the Election Commission has issued the electoral roll with caste names for the streets, the remedy for the petitioner is to approach the Election Commission. So far as the State Government is concerned, the petitioner is not able to point out any specific case whether the caste name is used for any streets or roads. In the absence of the same, we are unable to grant the relief. This Writ Petition is, therefore, dismissed. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-I)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

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