

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 29.06.2017

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.SASIDHARAN
AND
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

W.P.No.15337 of 2017

Minor Kamal Haasan

Represented by his father and
natural guardian, A.Muthu
24/42, Vellai Pillayar Kovil Street
Hospital Road,
Thirukovilur - 605 757.

... Petitioner

vs.

The Revenue Divisional Officer
Thirukovilur Taluk 605 757,
Villupuram District.

... Respondent

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the
Constitution of India praying for a writ of mandamus directing
the respondent herein to confirm the status of the petitioner
herein as the member of (Hindu-Kaatunaicken) Schedule Tribe
Community and issue his community certificate and for
consequential orders.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Raghavachari

For Respondent : Mr.K.Dhananjeyan
Special Government Pleader

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K.K. SASIDHARAN, J.

The petitioner submitted application before the Revenue
Divisional Officer, Villupuram requesting to issue Community
Certificate to his children indicating that they belong to
"Hindu-Kaatunaicken", which is a notified Scheduled Tribe
Community. Since follow up action was not taken by the Revenue
Divisional Officer, the petitioner was constrained to file this
writ petition.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Special Government Pleader on behalf of the respondent.

3. The application of the petitioner was received by the respondent on 22 May 2016. The respondent appears to have not taken any action thereafter, either to issue a Certificate or to reject the application on merits. We are therefore, of the view that the issue requires consideration by the respondent.

4. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Villupuram, the respondent herein is directed to consider and dispose of the application submitted by the petitioner for Community Certificate on merits and as per law. Such exercise shall be completed on or before 16 July 2017.

5. We make it clear that this direction is issued on account of the pendency of the application since long and it should not be construed to be an expression of opinion on the merits of the matter. In short, the application, should be decided in accordance with law and in the light of the settled legal principles in the matter governing the issuance of Scheduled Tribe Certificate.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS VIII)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To
The Revenue Divisional Officer
Thirukovilur Taluk 605 757,
Villupuram District.

+1cc to Mr.V.Raghavachari, Advocate, S.R.No.44980
+1cc to the Government Pleader, S.R.No.45742

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