



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 19.07.2017

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.SASIDHARAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P. (MD) No.3338 of 2017
and
W.M.P. (MD) No.3765 of 2017

Father of the Constitution of India Foundation
Rep.By its Managing Trustee,
Pon.Dhammabala,

... 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

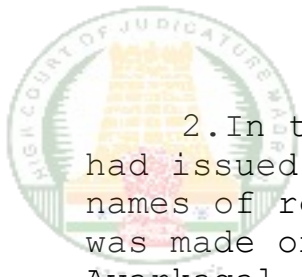
PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to prohibit caste names which are used to name streets and places in Tamil Nadu based on G.O.No.1531/1978 dated 03.10.1978.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Karthick Subramanian
For Respondent No.1 to 3 : Mr.M.Govindan
Special Government Pleader

O R D E R

[Order of the Court was made by G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.]

<https://hcservices.ecourts.gov.in/hcservices/> This Writ Petition has been filed for directing the respondents to prohibit the use of caste names as mandated in G.O. No.1531/1978 dated 03.10.1978.



2. In the said Government Order, the Government of Tamil Nadu had issued directions for deleting the caste names found in the names of roads and streets in Tamil Nadu. Such an announcement was made on the occasion of the centenary of Periyar E.V. Ramasamy Avarkagal.

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3. According to the Writ Petitioner, though, such direction was issued way back in 1978, still several streets and roads continue to bear caste names. He therefore submitted a representation dated 25.01.2017, to the respondents.

4. We therefore, direct the third respondent herein to consider and pass appropriate orders on the said representation submitted by the writ petitioner herein. Considering the nature of the issue involved, we consciously refrain from stipulating any time limit.

5. This Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

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State of Tamil Nadu,
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.

+ 1 CC TO Mr.S.KARTHICK SUBRAMANIAN, ADVOCATE IN SR No. 67013

+ 1 CC TO SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER IN SR No. 66955

MR/SMI/GSP

TE/GT/SAR-II : 09/08/2017 : 3P/6C

ORDER MADE IN
W.P. (MD) No. 3338 of 2017 and
W.M.P. (MD) No. 3765 of 2017
19.07.2017