



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 02.03.2017

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SUBBIAH

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P.(MD)No.3651 of 2017

Karpagam : Petitioner
Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Tirunelveli,
Tirunelveli District.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Tenkasi Division,
Tirunelveli,
Tirunelveli District.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to consider the appeal filed by the petitioner dated 13.02.2017 as expeditiously as possible.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Samidurai

For Respondents : Mr.VR.Shanmuganathan,
Special Government Pleader

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[Order of the Court was made by **R.SUBBIAH, J.**]

The petitioner has come up with the present Writ Petition seeking for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to consider the appeal filed by him dated 13.02.2017, as expeditiously as possible.

2. The case of the petitioner is that he belongs to Kattunayakan Community, which is classified as Scheduled Tribe. He was issued with the Transfer Certificate, wherein it is mentioned as he belongs to 'Hindu Kattunayakan Community'. His parents belong to Kattunayakan Community. His cousin brother, by name Perumal was also issued with Hindu Kattunayakan Community Certificate by the second respondent herein. While so, the Government had issued free house site pattas to the Kattunayakkan Scheduled Tribe, who were residing at Rayagiri Village in the year 1998. Thereafter, he sent a representation to the second respondent to issue Hindu Kattunayakkan Community Certificate stating that he belongs to Kattunayakkan Community. On representation, the second respondent directed the



Tahsildar concerned to conduct enquiry and file a report. On the basis of the report submitted by the Tahsildar concerned, the second respondent has rejected the application and refused to issue Certificate to him. In support of his claim, the petitioner has produced his School Transfer Certificate and also the Certificate of his cousin brother Perumal. However, without perusing the same, the second respondent rejected his request, vide order dated 08.04.2015. Aggrieved over the same, the petitioner filed an appeal before the first respondent on 13.02.2017. The said appeal is still pending consideration by the first respondent. Hence, the petitioner has come forward with the present Writ Petition for the reliefs as stated above.

3. We have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, as well as the learned Special Government Pleader for the respondents and we have also gone through the materials available on record.

4. Considering the limited scope of the prayer sought for by the petitioner, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the claim made by the petitioner, the first respondent is directed to consider and dispose of the appeal filed by the petitioner dated 13.02.2017 on merits and in accordance with law, after affording an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion with regard to the merits of the claim made by the petitioner and it is for the first respondent to decide the appeal purely on its own merits.

5. The Writ Petition is disposed of on the above terms. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-I)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

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