

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

DATED: 20.07.2017

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

W.P(MD)No.4323 of 2017

M.Muthuselvam

: Petitioner

Vs.

1. Union of India,
Represented by
The Joint Secretary (SCA-A Dr.Ambedkar Foundation)
Department of Social Justice & Empowerment,
Union of India,
Room No.612, 'A' Wing,
Shasthri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
2. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by
The Chief Secretary,
Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai-600 009.
3. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by
The Principal Secretary,
Adidraavidar Welfare Department,
Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai-600 009.
4. The Principal Secretary,
Home Department,
State of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai-600 009.
5. The District Collector and District Magistrate,
Office of the District Collector and District Magistrate,
Madurai District.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to expeditiously constitute the District-level Vigilance and



monitoring committees in all the Districts in the State of Tamil Nadu under Rule 17 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules 1995, consequently to direct the respondents to constitute the Bonded Labour Vigilance Committees under Section 13 of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act 1976 and constitute Adi Dravidar Welfare Committees in all districts in the State of Tamil Nadu within the time stipulated by this Court.

For petitioner : R.Alagumani.
For R1 : Mr.R.Murugappan.
For R2 to R5 : Mr.M.Govindan,
Special Government Pleader.

O R D E R

[Order of the Court was made by **K.K.SASIDHARAN, J.**]

The petitioner filed this writ petition to direct the respondents to constitute the District level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees in all the Districts across the State of Tamil Nadu under Rule 17 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules 1995 and to constitute the Bonded Labour Vigilance Committees under Section 13 of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act 1976 and constitute Adi Dravidar Welfare Committees in all the districts in the State of Tamil Nadu.

2.The Status report filed by the Principal Secretary, Adi Dravidar Welfare Department, indicates that the Government have constituted District Level Vigilance Committees in all the districts as per Rule 17 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules 1995. In view of the subsequent events, nothing survives with respect to the first limb of the prayer.

3.The respondents 1 to 3 are directed to take suitable follow up action for constitution of the Bonded Labour Vigilance Committees under Section 13 of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act 1976, as expeditiously as possible.

4.The writ petition is disposed of with the above direction. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS-II)

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+1cc to M/S. R.MURUGAPPAN, Advocate, SR.No.66694.

+1cc to M/S. R.ALAGUMANI, Advocate, SR.No.66925.

+1cc to Special Government Pleader, SR.No.67003.

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