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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED: 04.09.2018
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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.M.SUNDRESH
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR

SUO MOTU W.P. (MD) No.19189 of 2018

The Registrar (Judicial),
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu
represented by its Chief Secretary,
Secretariat,
Chennai.
2. The Secretary to Government,
Home Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai.
3. The Principal Secretary to Government,
School Education Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai.
4. The Director of School Education,
Chennai.
5. The Chairperson of Tamil Nadu Textbook and
Education Services Corporation,
Chennai.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the concerned authorities to expedite the supply of language textbooks other than Tamil to all the students within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.S.Mohamed Mohideen

For Respondents : Mr.K.Chellapandian
Additional Advocate General assisted by
Mrs.S.Srimathi, Special Govt. Pleader

**ORDER****[Order of the Court was made by M.M.SUNDRESH,J.]**

This Public Interest Litigation has been initiated by the Registry, after seeing the newspaper report in the Hindu, dated 03.09.2018. The report has suggested whether the students did not get text books, though the quarterly examination is near. Accordingly, by a suo motu action, the report has been taken as a Public Interest Litigation.

2. The learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondents would submit that insofar as the Standards 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 to 12 and 12 are concerned, all the books have been supplied on 25.04.2018 and 15.03.2018. However, insofar as the 11th standard is concerned, though books have been supplied for the languages Tamil, English, Kannada, Arabic, Malayalam and Telugu, for the languages French, German, Hindi and Sanscrit, they are yet to be supplied. The books for these languages will be supplied on or before 15.09.2018.

3. The statement made by the learned Additional Advocate General has been recorded. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to see to it, the language books for the 11th standard in the language of French, German, Hindi and Sanscrit to be supplied on or before 15.09.2018. We further direct the respondents to take appropriate steps to supply all the text books to the students studying in respective classes at least within one month from starting the classes.

4. We believe that though soft copies are available, it would be difficult for the students to study based upon them unless the hard copies are furnished in time. We hope and trust, the respondents would comply with the above order in order to avoid any inconvenience to the students in future. The writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS-I)

To

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+1CC to Mr.T.S.Mohamed Mohideen , Advocate, SR.No.82443
+1CC to the Special Government Pleader SR.No. 82491

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