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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 07.12.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

W.P.NO.25990 OF 2021

Tamilnadu Kondayankottai  
Maravar Welfare Society,  
No.40/1, Dr.Subba Rao Nagar,  
Gandhi Road, Choolaimedu,  
Chennai- 600 094,  
Rep by it's President,  
S.Seenipandian.

... Petitioner

.Vs.

1. The Chief Secretary,  
The Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Fort St. George,  
Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Secretary,  
The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment,  
The Government of India,  
New Delhi.
3. The Secretary,  
The Ministry of Administrative Reforms  
and Public Grievances,  
The Government of India,  
Sardar Patel Bhawan,  
Sansad Marg, Police Colony,  
Connaught Place,  
New Delhi - 111 001.
4. The Development and Welfare Board for NTDNTs,  
The Ministry of Social Justice,  
The Government of India,  
New Delhi.
5. The National Commission for Backward Classes,  
Trikoort-1, Bhikaji Kama Place,  
New Delhi - 110 066.

... Respondents



PRAYER:-

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing, the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to take steps to conduct a house hold survey of Denotified Communities/Tribes in the State of Tamilnadu as directed in DO No.11020/2/2020-DWBDNC dated 18.8.2020 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent in order to enable the Denotified Communities/Tribes of Tamilnadu to access the services and benefits of development programs of the Government of India.

For Petitioner : Mr.U.Kasipandian

For Respondent R1 : M/s.C.Sangamithirai  
Special Government Pleader

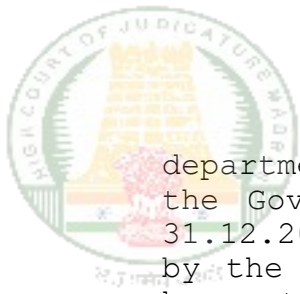
For Respondents : Mr.R.Gurunathan  
R2 & R3 Additional Government Pleader

For Respondents : No Appearance  
R4 & R5

#### O R D E R

The petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to take steps to conduct a house hold survey of Denotified Communities/Tribes in the State of Tamilnadu as directed in DO No 11020/2/2020-DWBDNC dated 18.8.2020 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent in order to enable the Denotified Communities/Tribes of Tamilnadu to access the services and benefits of development programs of the Government of India.

2. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner's association is an registered association under Societies Registration Act for the welfare and development of De-notified Communities/Tribes in general and Maravars in particular. The Government of India is committed to provide basic rights to the deprived communities and also to conduct a survey of such households throughout the country through the respective State Government. The survey is proposed to be a household survey of De-notified Tribes identified in respective States. The list of those identifies Tribes is also forwarded to the respective State Government vide the aforesaid reference DO No.11020/2/2020-DWBDNC of the Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, New Delhi dated 18.08.2020 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent and it also directed the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to entrust the responsibility of conducting the said household survey of De-notified Tribes in the State of Tamilnadu to a



department or organization of the State of Tamilnadu, so that the Government of India can build up a database on or before 31.12.2020 and also the cost of the data collection can be met by the Central Government. However, till date he 1<sup>st</sup> respondent has not complied with the above direction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent. Hence, the petitioner society sent representation to the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent on 08.09.2021 to conduct a household survey of De-notified Communities/Tribes in the State of Tamilnadu, however, till date no steps were initiated by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent. Hence, this writ petition.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that, it would suffice, if this Court issues direction to the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 08.09.2021 and to implement the direction in DO.No.11020/2/2020-DWBDNC dated 18.08.2020 of 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent and to pass appropriate orders.

4. The learned Special Government Pleader submitted that the status report in respect of the implementation of DO.No.11020/2/2020-DWBDNC dated 18.08.2020 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent will be intimated to the petitioner within a period of sixteen weeks.

5. In view of the conceding stand of the learned Special Government Pleader, this Court directs the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to communicate the status report with regard to the implementation of 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent order in DO.No.11020/2/2020-DWBDNC dated 18.08.2020 to the petitioner within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. Accordingly, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-  
Assistant Registrar(CCC)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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+1cc to the Government Pleader, S.R.No.64859

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