



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **10.02.2021**

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.M.SUNDRESH
AND
THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.ANANTHI**

**W.P. (MD)No.2339 of 2021
(Through Video Conferencing)**

I.Mohammed Razvi : Petitioner

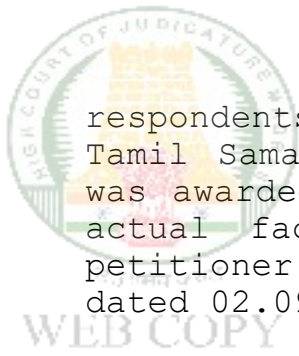
Vs.

- 1.The Home Secretary
State of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat,
Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.
- 2.The Secretary
Ministry of Higher Education
(including Technical Education, Electronics, Science and
Technology), Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai.-600 009.
- 3.The Secretary
Ministry of School Education
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009.
- 4.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu Textbook & Educational Service Corporation
DPI Campus, College Road, Chennai.-600 006.
- 5.The Director General of Police,
Post Box No.601, Radhakrishnan Salai
Mylapore, Chennai-600 004.
- 6.The District Collector
Collectorate, Madurai.
- 7.K.Veeramani
President, Dravidar Kazhagam
New NO.84/1, Old No.50, Periyar Thidal
EVK Sampath Road
Vepperi, Chennai-07.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issue of a Writ of Mandamus to direct the

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respondents for removal of false information mentioned in the IX Std Tamil Samacheer Text Books and college books stating that Periyar was awarded by UNESCO title as Socrates of South Asia and only the actual facts to be stated in the textbooks and consider the petitioner representation and pass orders on the representation dated 02.09.2020.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Neelamegam
For Respondents : Mrs.S.Srimathy for R1 to R4
Special Government Pleader
Mr.K.P.Krishnadoss for R5 & R6
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by M.M.SUNDRESH, J.)

The petitioner has filed the present Public Interest Litigation raising an issue that a mistake is crept in the 9th standard Tamil Samacheer Textbook as well as the College Books to the effect that "Thandhai Periyar was awarded the title of Socrates of Asia by UNESCO".

2. Placing reliance on the materials filed before this Court, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that it is factually incorrect and therefore, requires to be rectified.

3. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1 to 3 submitted that this is an issue, which has to be considered by the committee concerned constituted for the aforesaid purpose.

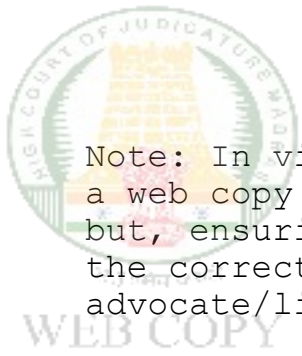
4. Be that as it may, the petitioner has already made a representation seeking to rectify the alleged mistake as aforesaid. In such view of the matter, we direct the respondents 2 to 4, as the case may be, to look into the same and take appropriate measures, which would include referring to the committee and thereafter doing the needful. The needful will have to be done within twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. The writ petition stands disposed of accordingly. No costs.

Sd/
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS-)



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+1 CC to M/s.K.NEELAMEGAM, Advocate (SR-4413[F] dated 11/02/2021)

+1CC to The Special Government Pleader SR-4648[F] dated 12/02/2021

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