



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 06.07.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P.(MD)No.19885 of 2021

K.V.Selvaraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
Theni,
Theni District.
2. The Block Development Officer,
(Village Panchayat),
Block Development Office,
Chinnamanur,
Theni District.
3. The President,
Village Panchayat,
Seepalakottai Village,
Uthamapalayam Taluk,
Theni District.

...Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the first respondent to order the third respondent to convene a special Grama Sabha meeting in terms of G.O.Ms.No.150, Rural Development (C-1) Department, dated 17.07.1998 in the third respondent Village Panchayat, by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 02.10.2021 within a period that may be stipulated by this Court.



For Petitioner : Mr.K.Ponnaiah

For Respondents : Mr.M.Prakash,
Additional Government Pleader.

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ORDER

The petitioner represents the 5th ward in the third respondent Village Panchayat. His grievance is that the President is not convening Grama Sabha meetings. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner draws my attention to ***G.O.Ms.No.65 Rural Development and Panchayat Department dated 24.05.2022*** whereby it has been mandated that a Panchayat President must convene Grama Sabha meetings at least on six occasions. In fact more number of meetings can also be conducted.

2. Therefore, the third respondent is obliged to convene Grama Sabha meetings on the dates mentioned in the aforesaid Government Order. The third respondent is accordingly directed to convene Grama Sabha meetings in



terms of the aforesaid Government Order. This writ petition stands allowed. No costs.

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