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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26.07.2023

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJAY V.GANGAPURWALA, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.D.AUDIKESAVALU

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V.M.Jayaraj

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Union of India
Represented by the Department of Social Welfare
Room No.740, 'A' Wing, Shastri Bhawan
Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road
New Delhi 110 001.
2. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Secretary
Department of Backward Classes,
Most Backward Classes and Minorities
Welfare Department
Fort St.George
Chennai 600 009.
3. The Assistant Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities
Ministry of Minority Affairs
Southern Zone, Rajaji Bhavan, E-Wing
B-Block, II Floor, Besant Nagar
Chennai – 600 090.



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4. The Commissioner
Tamil Nadu Commission for Backward Classes
212, Ramakrishna Madam Salai
Mayilapur, Chennai 600 004.

5. The Commissioner
Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare
Exhilagam, Annexe Building II Floor
Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk
Chennai 600 005.

6. The Collector of Nilagiri District
Udhagamandalam
Nilagiri District.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents herein to amend the list of Backward Classes by including the Nilagiri district at serial Number 28 of the list along with Kanyakumari and the Shenkottah Taluk in Tirunelveli District and consequently recognise the Ezhuva and Thiyya Community prevalent in the Nilagiri District as a backward class and issue the Community Certificate to the effect.

For the Petitioner : Mr.P.V.Ravichandran

For the Respondents : Mr.P.G.Sathish Kumar
for R1

Mr.P.Muthukumar
State Government Pleader
assisted by
Mr.K.Karthik Jagannathan
Government Advocate
for R2, R4, R5 & R6



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ORDER

(Made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Heard Mr.P.V.Ravichandran, learned counsel for the petitioner,
Mr.P.G.Sathish Kumar, learned counsel for respondent 1 and
Mr.P.Muthukumar, learned State Government Pleader assisted by
Mr.K.Karthik Jagannathan, learned Government Advocate for
respondents 2, 4, 5 & 6.

2. The petition is filed seeking a direction against the respondents to amend the list of Backward Classes by including the Nilgiris District at Serial Number 28 of the list along with Kanyakumari and Shenkottah Taluk in Tirunelveli District and consequently recognize the Ezhuva and Thiyya Community, prevalent in the Nilgiris District, as a backward class and issue Community Certificate to that effect.

3. Learned State Government Pleader submits that under the Government Order in G.O.Ms.No.85, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, dated 29.07.2008, the Ezhuva Community has been notified as a Backward



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Class in Tamil Nadu and under the G.O.Ms.No.55, dated 15.07.2020, the Thiyya Community has been notified as a Backward Class in S.No.109-A.

4. In the light of the above, the major grievance of the petitioner stands redressed. If the petitioner has any further grievance, the petitioner may approach the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission.

5. With these observations, the writ petition stands disposed of. There will be no order as to costs.

(S.V.G., CJ.)

(P.D.A., J.)

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