

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**DATED: 25.07.2023****CORAM****THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN****W.P.(MD)No.20271 of 2015**

Dr.B.R.Ambedkar People Welfare Society,
Rep. through its President,
S.Baskar,
No.3-5/0,Kdalaiyur Road,
Kovilpatti,
Tuticorin District.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Secretary to the Government,
State of Tamil Nadu,
Rural Development Department,
Secretariat, Chennai – 9.
2. The District Collector,
Tuticorin District,
Tuticorin.
3. The Commissioner,
Kovilpatti Municipality,
Kovilpatti,
Tuticorin District.
4. The Divisional Engineer,
Highways,
Buildings and Maintenance,
Tuticorin.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the

Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to grant permission to the petitioner society to replace Dr.B.R.Ambedkar stone statue with bronze medal situated in Kovilpatti-Ettayapuram main road as per G.O.Ms.No.248, Rural Development (C2) Department, dated 23.11.1998 by considering and disposing the application made by the petitioner society on 05.01.015 within the stipulated time as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.A.Ebenezer
For R-1 & R-2 : Mr.N.GA.Nataraj,
Government Advocate.
For R-3 : Mr.M.Saravanan

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ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2. A statute of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar is located in Kovilpatti-Ettayapuram main road. The petitioner is a registered society. They want to replace the existing stone statue with bronze statue. They had already given an application in this regard. They want the same to be considered.

3. I refrain from issuing any positive direction.

4. The learned Government Advocate states that the statue is being currently maintained well. It is also not known if the petitioner represents all the stakeholders. Since the second respondent is cognizant of the petitioner's request, it is entirely open to the second respondent to take a call in the matter. It is open to the petitioner to persuade the second respondent to recommend their application for eventual consideration by the Government.

5. With this liberty to the petitioner to approach the respondents, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

25.07.2023

NCC : Yes / No
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Internet : Yes / No
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G.R.SWAMINATHAN,J.

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