



W.P.No.21162 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 14.11.2024**

CORAM:

**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.KRISHNAKUMAR**

**AND**

**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.B.BALAJI**

**W.P.No.21162 of 2024 and**  
**W.M.P.Nos.23098 & 23101 of 2024**

Puducherry-Karaikal Origin Scheduled  
Tribes (Irular) Welfare Association,  
Rep. by its President A.Selvaraj,  
S/o.Azhagar, Hindu, Aged 47 years,  
Having its office at No.13, Hospital Street,  
First Cross Street, Bahour,  
Puducherry.

... Petitioner

-VS-

1. The Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India,  
New Delhi.
2. Under Secretary to the Government of India,  
The Ministry of Tribal Affairs,  
Government of India, New Delhi.
3. Deputy Registrar General (SS),  
Office of the Registrar (General),  
Social Studies Division Seva Bhavan,  
R.K.Puram, New Delhi.
4. The National Commission for Scheduled Tribe (HQ),  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor, B-Wing, Laknayak Bhavan,  
Khan Market, New Delhi-110 003.



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5. The Director,  
Adi Dravidar Welfare Department,  
Puducherry.

... Respondents

**Prayer:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Certiorari to call for the records of the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent with No.F.No.8/1/2004-SS (Puducherry) dated 12.02.2024 and No.12016/07/2003 TA(RL)/C&LM(Pt.-II) (e:10388) dated 19.02.2024 of the second respondent and to quash the same.

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| For Petitioner | : | Mr.V.Ajaykumar              |
| For R1 to R4   | : | Mr.B.Rabu Manohar           |
| For R5         | : | Mr.R.Sreedhar               |
|                |   | Addl. Govt. Pleader (Pondy) |

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### **ORDER**

***(By D.Krishnakumar,J.,)***

When the matter is taken up for hearing, it is represented by the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents 1 to 4 that the Writ Petition itself is not maintainable for the reason that no final decision has been taken by the respondents. The proceedings under challenge are only a communication addressed to the authority concerned internally and orders from the Central Government are awaited. Hence, the Writ Petition is liable to be dismissed.

2. We have gone through the proceedings dated 12.02.2024, which shows that no final decision has been taken by the respondents for inclusion of Kattunayakan, Malakkuruvan, Yerukula and Kurumans communities in the STs list of Puducherry



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Union Territory. Under such circumstances, we are of the view that the instant Writ Petition is not maintainable and is premature.

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3. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is dismissed as not maintainable. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

[D.K.K., J.] [P.B.B.,J.]  
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To:

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