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W.P.No.19194 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 18.07.2024

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.S. SUNDAR

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. SENTHILKUMAR

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G.Lakshmanan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Chairman,
State Level Scrutiny Committee III and
Additional Secretary to Government,
Adi Dravidan and Tribal Welfare Department,
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Dharmapuri.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing respondent No.1 Committee to pass orders regarding the community status of the petitioner in accordance with the ruling of the Supreme Court in Kumari Madhuri Patil v. Addl. Commissioner (1994) 6 SCC 241 within a reasonable time as may be fixed by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.M.Radhakrishnan
For Respondents : Mr.M.R.Gokul Krishnan
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **S.S. SUNDAR, J.**)

This writ petition is filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent Committee to pass orders regarding the community status of the petitioner in accordance with the judgment of the Supreme Court in *Kumari Madhuri Patil and another v. Additional Commissioner, Tribal Development and others* reported in (1994) 6 SCC 241 within a reasonable time.

2.Having regard to the limited scope of the prayer in the writ petition, this Court is inclined to dispose of the same, as the respondent has no objection for giving a direction regarding early disposal of the matter. Since the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner states that the report from Vigilance Committee has already been received along with Anthropologist



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report, the scope of enquiry is limited and final orders can be passed within a reasonable time, this Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the petitioner's contentions and the averments in the affidavit filed in support of this writ petition, directs the 1st respondent to pass final orders on merits and in accordance with law, after hearing the petitioner, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

3. With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

(S.S.S.R., J.) (N.S., J.)
18.07.2024

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