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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 23.07.2025

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,  
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

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S.Gopi Krishnan

.. Petitioner

v.

1. The Additional Secretary to Government  
Government of Tamil Nadu  
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009

2. The Secretary to Government  
Directorate of Adi Dravidar Welfare  
Ezhilagam Annexure Building  
Chepauk, Chennai 600 005

3. The Director  
Directorate of Adi Dravidar Welfare  
Ezhilagam Annexure Building  
Chepauk, Chennai 600 005

.. Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to replace the term “Adi Dravidar” with “Adi Tamizhar” in all community certificates to be issued to Scheduled Castes in the State of Tamil Nadu by taking into



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consideration of petitioner's representation dated 21.05.2025 and 23.05.2025.

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For Petitioner :: No appearance

For Respondents :: Mr.A.Edwin Prabakar  
State Government Pleader  
assisted by Mr.M.Habeeb Rahman  
Government Advocate

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by The Chief Justice)

None appeared for the petitioner in the second round.

2. Heard the learned State Government Pleader for the respondents.

3. The prayer made in this petition is to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to replace the term “Adi Dravidar” with “Adi Tamizhar” in all community certificates to be issued to Scheduled Castes in the State of Tamil Nadu by taking into consideration the petitioner's representations dated 21.05.2025 and 23.05.2025.



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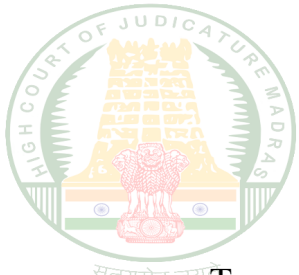
4. The learned State Government Pleader for respondents submits that the prayer as made by the petitioner could not be granted, in view of the settled legal position, as adumbrated by the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in the case of *State of Maharashtra v. Milind and others*, (2001)1 SCC 4.

5. As there is no appearance and we do not find any specific ground requiring this petition to be kept pending, the writ petition is closed.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,C.J.) (SUNDER MOHAN,J.)  
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Index : yes/no  
Neutral citation : yes/no

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