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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-04-2025

CORAM

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

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Tamil Nadu Panniandi Sangam
Registered No.67/94,
Rep. By Its President,
128/98I, 1st Cross Street, Annanagar,
Dharmapuri District.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1.The Secretary To The Government
Adi-Dravidar And Tribal Welfare
Department, St. George Fort,
Chennai-600 009.

2.The Director Of Adi-Dravidar
Welfare
Chepauk,
Chennai-600 005.

3.The District Collector
Dharmapuri District.



4.The Revenue Divisional Officer
Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District.

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5.The Thasildhar
Karimangalam, Dharmapuri District.

6.The Thasildhar
Palacode,
Dharmapuri District.

Respondent(s)

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PRAYER

directing the 5th and 6th respondents to follow anthropology survey of India book published in 1994 by the K.S.Singh people of India series on petitioner's Panniandi Culture and to take action on letter No. Naa. Kaa. 8488/2023/Ko3 Dated 10.04.2023 for issuance of Panniandi SC Certificates in Karimangalam and Palacode Taluks.

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For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Ravi

For Respondent(s): Mr. Vadivelu Deenadayalan AGP

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

The writ of mandamus has been instituted to direct the respondents 5 and 6 to follow Anthropology Survey of India book published in 1994 by the K.S.Singh “The People of India” series, regarding the petitioner's Panniandi



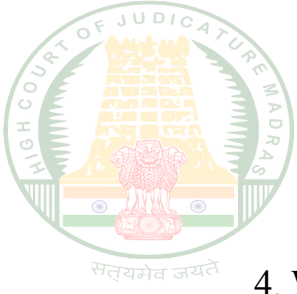
culture, and to take action on Letter No. Naa. Kaa. 8488/2023/Ko3 dated April

10, 2023, for the issuance of Panniandi SC certificates in Karimangalam and

Palacode Taluks.

2. The omnibus prayer sought in the writ petition by a Sangam registered under the Societies Registration Act is not entertainable. The issuance of a community certificate relates to an individual who belongs to a particular community. An aggrieved person alone may file an application seeking the issuance of a community certificate. A Sangam cannot seek a general prayer directing the respondents to follow a particular course of action.

3. It is needless to state that the competent authorities are bound to follow the procedures as well as the law in force for the issuance of community certificates.



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4. With these observations, the writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

(S.M.SUBRAMANIAM J.)(K.RAJASEKAR J.)

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