



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19-08-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE N. MALA

WP No. 31087 of 2025

1. B.Kosimani

S/o. Balakrishnan, No. 4/ 1040-1

Thachar Street, Prathabaramapuram,

Kilvelur Taluk, Nagapattinam 611111

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary

Rural Development And Panchayat Raj,

St. George Fort Chennai 09

2.The Commissioner

Rural Development And Panchayat Raj,

Chennai 15

3.The Secretary

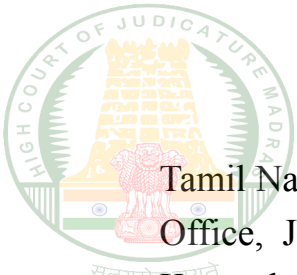
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4.Tamil Nadu State Election

Commissioner



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5.The Secretary
Tamil Nadu Adi Dravidar And Tribal
Welfare Department Chennai 09

6.The District Election Officer Cum
District Collector
Nagapattinam District, Nagapattinam

7.The Block Development Officer
Block Development Office, Kilvelur
Block And Taluk, Nagapattinam
District

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to declare the Prathabaramapuram Village panchayat as a Reserved category panchayat for Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes and thereby passing orders on petitioner representation dated 3.06.2025 within a time frame.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.V.Tamizh Selvan

For Respondent(s): Mrs.C.Meera Arumugam, Agp
For R1 R2 And R5



ORDER

(1) Mrs.C.Meera Arumugam, learned Additional Government Pleader accepts

notice on behalf of the respondents 1, 2 and 5. With the consent of both the learned counsels, the writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

(2) The writ petition is filed for a mandamus directing the respondents to declare the Prathabaramapuram Village panchayat, as a Reserved category panchayat for Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes by considering and passing orders on petitioner's representation dated 03.06.2025 within a time frame.

(3) The petitioner is a permanent resident of Prathabaramapuram village, which is a Village Panchayat. The petitioner states that majority of the residents of the Panchayat belong to Scheduled Caste Community [Adi Dravidar]. The petitioner, based on the information obtained by him under the Right to Information Act, 2005, states that originally in the elections conducted in the year 1996, the post of President of Prathabaramapuram Village Panchayat, was reserved for Scheduled Caste Community [Woman]. But, subsequently, the post of the Panchayat President, was alternated between General and



reserved categories over the years. The petitioner further states that over the years, the members of the same family belonging to Backward Class

community, continued to occupy the position of Village Panchayat President.

The petitioner states that as the Village Panchayat was reserved for Scheduled Caste [Woman] in the years 1996 and 2001, the Government and the State Election Commission must classify the Village Panchayat as Reserved Category Panchayat so as to ensure rightful participation of eligible candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Community in future elections. The petitioner therefore submitted a representation on 03.06.2025 and since no action was taken, the petitioner filed the above writ petition for the aforesaid relief.

(4) Heard both sides and perused the materials placed on record.

(5) Admittedly, the petitioner received information under the Right To Information Act, 2005, on 27.02.2025, that in the elections conducted in the years 1996 and 2001, the post of Village Panchayat President, Prathabaramapuram Village, was declared as Reserved Category Panchayat for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates [woman]. It is further



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seen that in the elections conducted during 2006, 2011 and 2016, the Village

Panchayat was declared as General and therefore, the petitioner submitted a

representation on 21.09.2015, to re-classify the Village Panchayat as a

Reserved Category Panchayat. Since no action was taken, the petitioner

submitted a further representation on 03.06.2025.

(6) In view of the facts and circumstances of the case and considering that the As

the petitioner's representation is kept pending without any action being taken

thereon, this Court is inclined to direct the 1st respondent, to consider and

pass orders on the petitioner's representation dated 03.06.2025, on merits and

in accordance with law within a period of twelve weeks, from the date of

receipt of a copy of this order.

(7) The writ petition is **disposed of with the above direction.** No costs.

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