



W.P(MD)No.2168 of 2020

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 15.07.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
AND
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY**

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M.Muthuselvam

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.Union of India
Rep., by its Secretary,
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment,
Government of India,
“A” Wing, Shasthri Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110 001.
- 2.The Joint Secretary,
In charge of SCD III Section,
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment,
Government of India, “A” Wing,
Shasthri Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 001.
- 3.The Principal Secretary to Government,
State of Tamil Nadu,
Social Justice and Empowerment,
Fort St. George, Chennai – 600 009.
- 4.The Principal Secretary to Government,
State of Tamil Nadu,
Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai – 600 009.
- 5.The District Collector,
Office of the District Collector,
Madurai District.



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6.The Secretary,
Tamil Nadu Harijana Sevaga Sangam,
12, Dr. Thangarajan Road,
Vinayagar Nagar,
Madurai – 625 020.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct respondents No.1 and 2 to release the grant in aid from the year 2014–2015 to 2019–2020 for the Harijan Sevak Sangh Schools functioning at N.M.R.Subbaraman Memorial Residential Primary School, Madurai and Residential Middle School, Thirukoilur, Villupuram District in accordance with law within the time that may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.A.V.Saha for Dr.R.Alagumani
For RR1 & 2	:	Mr.S.Karthik Central Govt. Standing Counsel
For RR3 to 5	:	Mr.P.Thilakkumar Government Pleader
For R6	:	Mr.T.Lajapathi Roy Senior Counsel For M/s.Roy & Roy Associates

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.]

The relief sought for in the present writ petition is to direct respondents 1 and 2 to release the grant-in-aid from the year 2014–2015 to 2019–2020 for the Harijan Sevak Sangh Schools functioning at N.M.R.Subbaraman Memorial Residential Primary School, Madurai and Residential Middle School, Thirukoilur, Villupuram District.



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2. A counter affidavit has been filed by respondents 1 and 2 stating that the funds are released periodically. The status of release of grant-in-aid to Harijan Sevak Sangh, which is elaborated in the said counter affidavit, is re-produced hereunder:

	Project Location - Madurai (125 students)	Project Location- Villupuram (250- students)
2019- 20	An amount of Rs. 22,37,175/- was sanctioned / released vide order dated 22.04.2021.	An amount of Rs. 4384800/- was sanctioned / released vide order dated 22.06.2021.
2018-19	An amount of Rs.2096550/- was released vide order dated 18.03.2020.	An amount of Rs. 4281300/- was released vide order dated 29.06.2020.
2017-18	Full and final amount of Rs. 2548260/- was sanctioned/ released vide order dated 18.09.2019.	An amount of Rs. 4937760/- was sanctioned/released vide order dated 31.03.2020
2016-17	An amount of Rs.1975995/- was sanctioned/ released vide order dated 16.01.2018. 	The proposal for 2016-17 was received from State Government on 06.10.2017 i.e. during 2017-18. The application of the organization was examined and some deficiencies were found in the application before consideration of Grant in aid. Accordingly, the organization was asked to comply with the deficiencies. However, the



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		Organization could not comply with the same before 31 st March 2019, thus attracted the provisions of GFR 230(15) which stipulates that Grants – in-aid may be sanctioned to meet the bonafide expenditure incurred not earlier than two years prior to the date of issue of the sanction.
2015-16	The NGO has not applied for the year 2015-16.	Total amount of Rs.2040300/- was sanctioned / released vide orders dated 01.11.2017 and 11.12.2017.
2014-15	Total amount of Rs.2363550/- was sanctioned/ released vide orders dated 23.03.2015 and 28.06.2016.	Total amount of Rs.1626650/- was sanctioned / released vide orders dated 14.06.2016 and 01.11.2017.

3. The counter affidavit further runs to state that the Ministry is providing financial assistance to organization for 125 students for its project at Madurai and for 250 students for the project at Villupuram in the State of Tamil Nadu. In addition to these projects, financial assistance is also being provided to the organization for its projects in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Gujaraj etc., under the Scheme.



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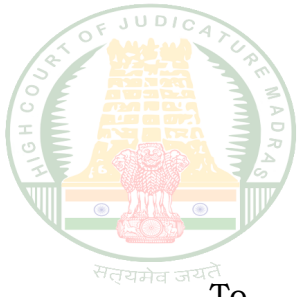
4. The counter affidavit was filed in the year 2021. But as per the counter, the grant-in-aid was released up to the year 2020. That being so, no further consideration is required. If at all any grant-in-aid is to be released, the petitioner is at liberty to submit a detailed representation setting out the grievances and in the event of receiving any such representation, respondents 1 and 2 shall consider the same and take appropriate decision.

5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

[S.M.S., J.] [S.S.Y., J.]
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