



W.P(MD)No.10961 of 2026

WEB CODE BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 17.04.2026

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN**

**W.P(MD)No.10961 of 2026
and
W.M.P(MD)No.8541 of 2026**

R.Priya

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Thirumangalam Division,
Madurai District.

2.The Zonal Deputy Tahsildar,
Thirupparankundram,
Madurai District.

3.The Revenue Inspector,
Thirupparankundram Division,
Madurai District.

4.The Village Administrative Officer,
Madakulam Village, Thirupparankundram Taluk,
Madurai District.

... Respondents

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PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records of the impugned online rejection order in Application No.TN-5202510296072 dated NIL same as illegal and consequently directing the first respondent to issue Hindu Malaivedan Scheduled Tribes Community Certificate to the petitioner by considering the community certificate issued to the petitioner's family members and relatives based on the petitioner's application dated 29.10.2025 within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Muthukumaran

For Respondents : Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.)

Challenging the order passed by the first respondent rejecting the petitioner's application for issuance of a Community Certificate, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

2.By consent of both parties, the Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.



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3.Mr.J.Ashok, learned Additional Government Pleader, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

4.The petitioner claims that she belongs to the Hindu Malaivedan community, which is recognized as a Scheduled Tribe, and had applied for issuance of a community certificate by submitting all necessary supporting documents. The field-level authorities, namely the Village Administrative Officer, Revenue Inspector, and Zonal Deputy Tahsildar, conducted enquiries and recommended her claim as genuine. However, the first respondent/District Revenue Officer rejected the application solely on the ground that the petitioner failed to produce community certificates of her parents.

5.The petitioner contends that the rejection is arbitrary and illegal, as her parents were illiterate and had not obtained such certificates. She has relied on other valid documents, including community certificates of close blood relatives, school records, Aadhaar Card, family card, and

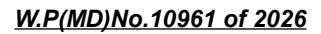


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genealogical records to establish her community status. Despite consistent recommendations from subordinate authorities and the supporting materials, the application was rejected without proper reasoning. Hence, the petitioner has approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

6.Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

7.On a perusal of the materials available on record, it is seen that the application of the petitioner has been rejected solely on the ground that proof of her parents' community certificate has not been produced. Except for this, no other reason has been assigned. The documents placed on record indicate that close relatives of the petitioner have already been issued Scheduled Tribe Community Certificates. Therefore, merely because the petitioner has not produced her parents' community certificates, the same cannot be a ground to reject her application in toto. The authority ought to



8. In view of the above, the impugned order passed by the first respondent is set aside, and the matter is remanded back to the first respondent for fresh consideration. The first respondent is directed to consider all the documents submitted by the petitioner, including the community certificates of her relatives, and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

9. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands allowed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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