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**Glossary, Draft Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Rules,
Sensitisation of Teachers and Transgender Persons Policy**

Mr.C.Selvaraj, learned Additional Government Pleader submitted that the Policy is yet to be finalized and some more time is required.

2. Ms.B.S.Ajeetha, learned counsel, who is a Member of the Committee, which has been formed to finalize the Policy for LGBTQIA + community, submitted that the Committee was given 45 days time to submit the draft Policy to the Government. The draft Policy was also made ready and the Committee wanted to have an elaborate consultation to finalize the draft Policy and in the meantime, the period elapsed. Since the period had elapsed, a request has been made to the Government to extend the time. In the meantime, some concerns were also expressed by the Transgender persons and inter-sex persons regarding their representation in the Committee and certain specific issues that were raised by them to be addressed in the Policy. This was also one of the reasons as to why



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there is a roadblock in the Government placing the Policy before this Court.

3. In the considered view of this Court, the draft Policy has already been made ready and the same can be placed before this Court by the Government. The concerns raised by the Transgender and inter-sex community can be taken care of, since this Court has impleaded two persons in this regard in W.M.P.Nos.23897 and 23909 of 2023. In order to make any progress, some material must be available to discuss upon. Hence, the Government is directed to place the draft Policy before this Court. The concerns and the grievance expressed by the stakeholders will be taken into consideration and necessary directions will be issued to the State Government before the Policy is finalized. Hence, there shall be a direction to the State Government to place the draft Policy before this Court during the next date of hearing.

Sensitizing Teachers to the needs of queer children

4. The learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the 18th respondent filed a report of the Director of School Education. The learned Government Advocate submitted that various training activities were conducted for the Teachers and the tabulated details are extracted hereunder:-



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Training Activities - 2023-2024

Sl. No.	Name of the Training	Participants	Training Organised by	Date and Duration	Level of Training	No. of Teachers attend the Training
1	Training for Cluster Resource Centre Meeting	11 and 12 Handling Post Graduate Teachers	Samagra Shiksha and SCERT	05.06.23 to 09.06.23 5 Days	State	152
2	Cluster Resource Centre Meeting at District and Block Level	11 and 12 Handling Post Graduate Teachers	Samagra Shiksha, SCERT and DIET	19.06.23 to 24.06.23 6 Days	District & Cluster	26017
3	Training for Cluster Resource Centre Meeting	9 and 10 Handling Graduate Teachers	Samagra Shiksha and SCERT	14.06.23 & 15.06.23 2 Days	State	152
4	Cluster Resource Centre Meeting at District and Block Level	9 and 10 Handling Graduate Teachers	Samagra Shiksha, SCERT and DIET	17.06.23 One day	District & Cluster	77924

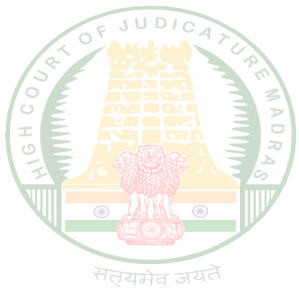


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Sl. No.	Name of the Training	Participants	Training Organised by	Date and Duration	Level of Training	No. of Teachers attend the Training
5	Training for Cluster Resource Centre Meeting	6 - 8 Handling Graduate Teachers	Samagra Shiksha and SCERT	20.07.23 & 21.07.23 2 Days	State	152
6	Cluster Resource Centre Meeting at District and Block Level	6 - 8 Handling Graduate Teachers	Samagra Shiksha, SCERT and DIET	25.07.23 to 27.07.23 3 Days	District & Cluster	43150
7	Essential Training Phase II	DIET Faculty	SCERT	07.08.23 to 11.08.23 5 days	State	42

The report of the Director of School Education is taken on file.

5. When the matter came up for hearing on 12.06.2023, this Court directed the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners to take instructions as to why many NGOs from Tamil Nadu have not registered themselves with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. In reply to this query, a report has been filed by the petitioners and it has been stated that out of 18 NGOs, who are working for the community, 11 of them were not even aware of the Form that was published by the Ministry in their Website. That apart, the petitioners were not able to get in touch with four NGOs. One of the NGO. has already submitted the Form, however, the name is not reflected. The balance two NGOs state that they are only a group of persons and they have not registered as NGOs and therefore, they have not made any application.



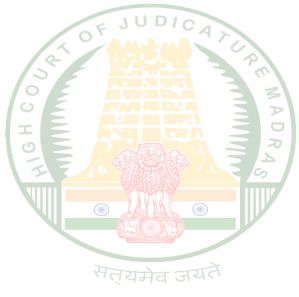
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6. It is clear from the report filed by the petitioners that many of the NGOs were not aware about the steps that were taken by the Ministry of Social Justice to enlist the NGOs. Hence, there shall be a direction to the 11th respondent namely, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to once again undertake the exercise and invite applications for registration of NGOs by giving wide publicity. Once the same is done, the NGOs, who are working for the community, can submit their application to get themselves enlisted.

7. The earlier directions issued by this Court on 12.06.2023 shall be followed up by the Senior Panel Counsel and the progress made insofar the issue regarding the issuance of Notification under the 2022 Regulations, enlisting all NGOs and NCERT Manual are concerned, a status report shall be filed before the next date of hearing.

8. The Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, is *suo motu* impleaded as 30th respondent and Mr.C.Selvaraj, learned Additional Government Pleader takes notice on behalf of the impleaded 30th respondent.



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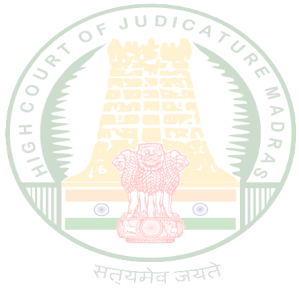
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9. Post this case for further hearing on **29.01.2024**.

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