



W.P.No.45245 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.11.2025

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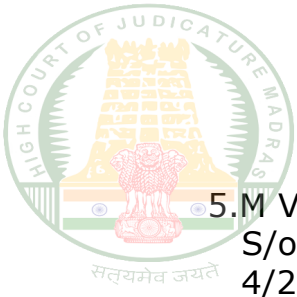
THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

W.P.No.45245 of 2025
and W.M.P.No.50387 of 2025

- 1.C.Umapathi
S/o.Sivaraj,
D.No.1/304, Erket,
Emakkal Natham,
Salinayanapalli,
Krishnagiri District - 635104.
- 2.Ravichandran B,
S/o.Buddan,
D.No. 35/88, Seeran Street,
Nagarasampatti, Pochampalli,
Nagojanahalli,
Krishnagiri-635204.
- 3.Madhulakshmi G,
W/o. Ravichandran B
D.No. 35/88, Seeran Street,
Nagarasampatti, Pochampalli,
Nagojanahalli,
Krishnagiri-635204.
- 4.P Thamotheran
S/o. Periyathambi,
D.No.232, Ampalli Post,
Bargur R.F.,
Krishnagiri-635104.



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5.M Vinothkumar,
S/o. Moranahalli,
4/267, Mel Somar Pettai,
Venkatapuram,
Krishnagiri-635001.

6.R.Venkatesan
S/o. Rajappan,
No.121, Kurumanagamangalam Village,
Achamangalam Post,
Krishnagiri, Krishnagiri-635108.

7. Kalaiyarasi S,
W/o. M Vinoth Kumar,
514F, Adhiyaman Nagar,
Melsomarpettai, Venkatapuram,
Krishnagiri-635001.

8.M.Vinoth Kumar
S/o. Mallan,
4/514/F, Adiyaman Nagar,
Melsomarpettai, Venkatapuram,
Krishnagiri-635 001.

9. Pruthiviraj
S/o. Veerapathiram,
Theerthagirivalasai, Uthangarai,
Naickanur, Krishnagiri-635 307.

10.Gayathri
D/o. Chinnappan,
313/C, 109, Ramamoorthy Nagar,
Sunnalampatti, Uthangarai,
Krishnagiri-635 207.

11.Lakshmanan
S/o. Barugan,
D.No.1/108, Melkardiguri,
Karadiguri, Krishnagiri-635001.



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12. Puviyarasu V,
S/o. Veerabathiran,
Theerthagirivalasai, Singarapettai,
Uthangarai, Krishnagiri-635307.

13. Pownkumar C
S/o. Chinnappan,
313/C, 109, Ramamoorthy Nagar,
Sunnalampatti, Uthangarai,
Krishnagiri-635 207.

14. Veerapathiran
S/o. Settu,
Vellaikuttai, Thirthagirivalasai,
Naickanur,
Krishnagiri-635307.

15. R. Divya
D/o. Ravi,
4/28A, Meal Somarpettai,
Jagir Venkatapuram,
Krishnagiri-635 001.

16. Dhanasekar M,
S/o. Mani,
No.2/49, I Kothapalli,
Ikondamkothapalli,
Bargur Tk.,
Krishnagiri-635203.

17. Arunkumar M,
S/o. Mani,
No.2/49/128, I Kothapalli,
Ikondamkothapalli,
Bargur Tk.,
Krishnagiri-635203.

Petitioners

Vs



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1. The Secretary
Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare
Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.

2. The Director
Tribal Research Centre,
Ooty, Nilgiris - 643001.

3. The District Collector
Krishnagiri District,
Collectorate,
Krishnagiri-635001.

4. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
O/o. The RDO, Krishnagiri,
Krishnagiri-635 001.

Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to consider and pass orders on our representations dated 28.06.2025 and 19.09.2025 by appointing a committee or an Anthropologist member to examine the cultural and traditional aspects of Kurumans in Erket Village, Uthangarai Village, Bargur Village, Melsomarpettai Village, Theerthagirivalasai Village, Krishnagiri District and consider the applications for issuance of Kurumans Scheduled Tribe community certificate inter alia on the basis of the said report.

For Petitioners: Ms.K.Nithyashree

For Respondents: Mr.T.K.Saravanan
Addl. Government Pleader



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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

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WMP No.50387 of 2025 filed by the petitioners to join together and file a single writ petition is rejected. The order to be passed in this writ petition shall be treated only for and on behalf of the first petitioner (C.Umapathi). Other petitioners are at liberty to file separate writ petitions.

2. The petitioner claims that he belongs to Kurumans, Scheduled Tribe community, in relation to the State of Tamil Nadu and an application was made for issuance of community certificate on 16.12.2023, but the same has remained undecided. The petitioner was asked to appear on 3.1.2024 and thereafter the matter has been put on ice.

3. Whenever applications for issuance of community certificate are submitted, the applications are required to be decided, one way or the other, either granting or refusing, within a reasonable period. By no stretch of imagination, the respondents can keep the matter



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pending in the name of enquiry for such a long time. Though almost two years have elapsed since application was made, no orders were passed.

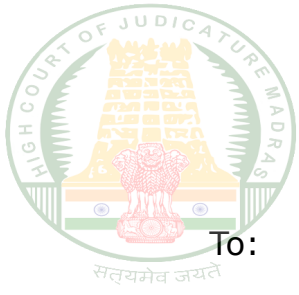
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4. The fourth respondent/Revenue Divisional Officer, before whom the application is pending, is directed to take appropriate decision on petitioner's application, one way or the other, within a period of 45 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The authority shall accept submission of copy of the order in offline/physical mode, without raising any technical objection of uploading through the portal.

Writ petition is disposed of accordingly, sans costs.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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