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Proceedings of the TamilNadu State Level Scrutiny Committee-II
Social Justice Department
Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

PRESENT:

1. **Thiru.P.Jerard Selvaraj, M.A.,**
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   Social Justice Department,
   Secretariat, Chennai-9.
2. **Tmt.T.Kavitha, B.Sc.,**
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   State Level Scrutiny Committee-II,
   Social Justice Department,
   Secretariat, Chennai-9.
3. **Dr.G.Pandiaraj, M.A., Ph.D.,**
   Anthropologist / Member,
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   Social Justice Department,
   Secretariat, Chennai-9.

PROCEEDINGS No.15160/CV-2/2014-12, dated: 05.08.2026

Sub: Social Justice Department – State Level Scrutiny Committee-II - verification of "Hindu - Kattunayakan" Communal status claim of Thiru.N.Murugan, S/o. Thiru.Natarajan– Tenkasi District - Verified and concluded as "**Not Genuine**"– Orders issued – Regarding.

Ref:
1. Representation made by the individual Thiru.N.Murugan, S/o. Natarajan before the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tenkasi, dated:20.12.2010.
2. Orders of the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court dated:30.04.2013 in W.P (MD) No.7602 of 2013.
3. Proceedings of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tenkasi Na.Ka.No:Aa2/5748/2013; dated:26.09.2013.
4. Representation made by the individual Thiru.N.Murugan, S/o. Natarajan before the State Level Scrutiny Committee, dated:02.10.2013.
5. Orders of the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court dated:23.01.2014 in W.P (MD) No.524 of 2014.
6. Representation made by the individual, Thiru.N.Murugan, S/o. Natarajan before the State Level Scrutiny Committee, dated:15.09.2014.

7. Government letter No:15160/CV2/2014-2; dated: 25.09.2015.
8. From the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tenkasi Na.Ka. No:Aa2/8395/2015; dated:30.09.2015.
9. Proceedings of the TamilNadu State Level Scrutiny Committee No:15160/CV2/2014-5; dated:03.11.2015.
10. Cont.P (MD) No.923 of 2015 in W.P (MD) No.524 of 2014 filed by Thiru.N.Murugan before the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court.
11. Government letter No: 15160/CV2/2014-9; dated: 08.01.2016 (Compliance report forwarded to Government Pleader for filing before the Court).
12. Government letter No: 15160/CV2/2014-7; dated: 18.12.2015.
13. Orders of the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court dated: 02.06.2017 in Cont.P (MD) No.923 of 2015 in W.P (MD) No.524 of 2014.
14. Report of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Social Justice and human Rights wing, Tenkasi District dated:NIL (Received on 25.02.2026).
15. The Member Secretary, State Level Scrutiny Committee-II Show Cause Notice No: 15160/CV2(2)/2014-10; dated:06.03.2026.
16. Reply received from Thiru.N.Murugan, dated:04.04.2026.
17. State Level Scrutiny Committee-II Enquiry Summon No:15160/CV2/2014-11; dated:12.06.2026.

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ORDERS:

Thiru N. Murugan, S/o. Natarajan, native of Tenkasi district, previously part of the Tirunelveli district, filed a W.P.(MD).No.7602 of 2013 before the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court seeking the issuance of Hindu "Kattunayakan" Community Certificate for him. The Hon'ble court in its order dated: 30.04.2013, instructed the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tenkasi to consider his application dated: 20.12.2010, and to issue an order within a period of six weeks.

2. Based on the above court directions, Thiru.N.Murugan has again submitted representation to the Revenue Divisional Officer dated: 08.06.2013. However, after conducting a thorough inquiry into his Community status, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tenkasi vide his proceedings dated:26.09.2013, has held that Thiru.N.Murugan's cultural practices were more aligned with the 'Jogi' community, resulting in the rejection of his claim. Aggrieved by the above orders of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tenkasi,

he filed an appeal dated:02.10.2013, before the Chairman of the State Level Scrutiny Committee. While the above appeal was pending before the Committee, Thiru.N.Murugan has filed another writ before the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court in W.P.(MD) No. 524 of 2014. The court in its orders, dated:23.01.2014 issued a direction to the State Level Scrutiny Committee, to consider the appeal dated:02.10.2013 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law.

3. The individual vide his appeal representation dated:15.09.2014 has requested the State Level Scrutiny Committee to pass appropriate orders regarding his "Kattunayakan" communal claim. The Committee vide its letter dated:25.09.2015 has summoned the individual to appear before the committee on 01.10.2015 to substantiate his communal claim. Meanwhile, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tenkasi vide his letter dated:30.09.2015 has submitted his report regarding the individual's communal claim and concluded that the individuals' who claim 'Kattunayakan' community in Sivagiri Taluk belong to 'Kuluvan' Community. The individual has appeared before the State Level Scrutiny Committee on 01.10.2015 and made his depositions, the committee on scrutinizing the available records and materials has passed vide its proceedings dated:03.11.2015 declaring that the individual's communal claim is 'Not Genuine'.

4. The individual has filed a Cont.P (MD) No.923 of 2015 in W.P (MD) No.524 of 2014 to punish the contemnor (i.e Chairman, State Level Scrutiny Committee) for his deliberate and wilful disobedience of the orders passed by the court in W.P (MD) No.524 of 2014 dated:23.01.2014. In response, the Chairman, State Level Scrutiny Committee has filed a compliance report that, the orders passed vide State Level Scrutiny Committee proceedings dated:03.11.2015 will be kept in abeyance till the receipt of Vigilance Cell report. The final orders will be issued after obtaining and scrutinizing the Vigilance Cell report. On acceptance of compliance report, the Hon'ble court in its orders dated:02.06.2017 has closed the contempt case.

5. The State Level Scrutiny Committee vide Government letter dated: 18.12.2015 has therefore referred the case to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, SC/ST Vigilance Cell, Madurai region to cause the verification of social status of the individual Thiru.N.Murugan, S/o. Natarajan pertaining to verification of "Hindu-Kattunayakan" as per the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India (JT 1994(5) SC488), dated 02.09.1994 in Kumari Madhuri Patil case.

6. In view of the directions issued by the Government, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights Wing, SC/ ST Vigilance Cell, Tenkasi District has conducted the field enquiry at the individual's native place, viz., Shenkottai, Tenkasi District, in accordance with Law, and submitted his field enquiry report dated:NIL (Received on 25.02.2026) to the Principal Secretary to the Government, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Secretariat, Chennai-9 for necessary action. Since the Deputy Superintendent of Police in his report has concluded the claim of the individual as 'Not Genuine' as per the existing procedure, the individual has been

requested to send his explanation vide Member Secretary, State Level Scrutiny Committee-II Show Cause Notice, dated 06.03.2026. The individual vide his representation dated:04.04.2026 has furnished his reply that, based on the words of his ancestor he believes that he belongs to 'Kattunayakan' community. He has also stated that, he does not hold enough documental evidences to prove himself that he belongs to 'Kattunayakan' Community. He requested the Committee, to find out which community he belongs to. Further, he requested to provide any community certificate for his children to pursue education.

7. The individual Thiru.N.Murugan, S/o. Natarajan has been summoned vide Government letter dated:15.06.2026 to appear before the Committee on 29.06.2026. The individual has appeared before the Committee on 29.10.2026 and made his depositions.

8. The State Level Scrutiny Committee-II has scrutinized the depositions of the individual made before the State Level Scrutiny Committee-II during personal hearing and the report of the vigilance cell in to-to and observed as follows.

9. From the documents placed before the Committee, it is observed that, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights wing, Tirunelveli District vide his Enquiry Summon No:39/SJHR/TIN Dist/2019, dated:03.10.2019 has summoned the individual to appear before him on 18.10.2019. Thiru.N.Murugan through his representation letter dated:22.03.2021 has explained his agony about the social issues on obtaining 'Kattunayakan' community certificate and informed that he is in a financial crisis and unable to travel to Tirunelveli to substantiate his communal claim. This act of the individual seems to be inappropriate, since he has filed number of writs before the Hon'ble court for issuing 'Kattunayakan' Community Certificate to him. Since, the individual failed to appear before the vigilance authorities, his integrity is undoubtedly questionable. However, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights wing, Tenkasi District diligently conducted a field enquiry with the individual Thiru.N.Murugan and collected evidences later on.

10. From the documents placed before the Committee, it is observed that, the Anthropologist entrusted with the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Social justice and Human Rights Unit, Tenkasi District has conducted the field enquiry on 29.11.2025 with the individual Thiru.N.Murugan, S/o. Natarajan residing at No.30A, J.N.Street, Senkottai, Tenkasi-627 809 and stated that, the communities who are claiming for the Certificate of Scheduled Tribe Kattunayakan in Tenkasi District belongs to caste Tottiyan/ Kuluvan/Jogi. This could be confirmed by the documented literature that have exemplified about their Intiperu (last name), which is still in practice among the community people from all the places visited. Further, it is observed that, their determination to obtain the Scheduled Tribe Kattunayakan Certificate has been vehement to extent, that there is open statement mentioning that, they will not accept any other certificate other than Scheduled Tribe certificate. Therefore the individual Thiru.N.Murugan claims from the Senkottai and his relatives in Tenkasi District who all

are claiming for the Community Certificate of Scheduled Tribe Kattunayakan should not be encouraged as they belong to the caste of Tottiyan/ Kuluvan/ Jogi/ Panni Nayakar or Phonthi Nayakar and hence claim of Thiru.N.Murugan, S/o. Natarajan is 'Not-Genuine'.

11. The State Level Scrutiny Committee has apprised about the District Anthropologist conclusion about his 'Kattunayakan' claim and sought for depose his explanation. Thiru.N.Murugan has deposed that, the communities mentioned by the District Anthropologist such as Tottiyan/ Kuluvan/ Jogi/ Panni Nayakar or Phonthi Nayakar comes under sub-clause of 'Kattunyakan' Tribal community. Among them 'Kuluvan' may be exempted since we consider 'Kuluvan' as a filthy word. Other mentioned names can be considered sub-clause of 'Kattunayakan' Tribal community. Further he has stated that he does not hold enough documental evidences to prove his 'Kattunayakan' claim, however he can substantiate the claim through oral depositions. The above depositions made by the individual before the State Level Scrutiny Committee-II clearly elucidates about his lack of tribal cultural knowledge, which he fails to substantiate before the Committee.

12. From the documents placed before the Committee, it is observed that, from the depositions made by the individual before the State Level Scrutiny Committee-II, he has stated that the children of Tmt.Kaliammal, W/o. Thiru.Selvaraj who is paternal sister of the individual. The individual himself deposed that her sister Kaliammal does not possess Hindu Scheduled Tribe Kattunayakan Certificate. However, her children namely Thiru.S.Ragu Pandi, S/o. P.Selvaraj, Thiru.S.Ramesh Pandi, S/o. P.Selvaraj, Thiru.S.Raja, S/o. P.Selvaraj, Selvi.S.Indira, D/o. P.Selvaraj, Sevi.S.Supriya, D/o. P.Selvaraj have obtained 'Hindu-Kattunyakan' Community certificate from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Tirunelveli. Hence, it is evident that they might have obtained Hindu Scheduled Tribe Kattunayakan Community Certificate based on their father community for such, they are not blood relative of the individual.

13. During the personal inquiry, the Member, Anthropologist, State Level Scrutiny Committee- II has enquired the individual Thiru.N.Murugan, S/o. Natarajan with regard to his cultural and anthropological traits, in detail, and based on the depositions made by the individual before the Committee, he has concluded that, "the claim of Thiru.N.Murugan, S/o. Natarajan to Scheduled Tribe status as a member of the Kattunayakan Community is not supported by anthropological evidence. The claim lacks substantiation through cultural, genealogical, and community-based validation and therefore his claim could not be substantiated".

14. In view of the foregoing findings and upon careful consideration of all the materials placed on record including the documentary evidence, the report of the Vigilance Cell, the statements made during the course of personal enquiry and the explanation submitted by the individual, the State Level Scrutiny Committee-II arrives at the conclusion that Thiru.N.Murugan, S/o. Natarajan, does not belong to "Hindu Kattunayakan" Scheduled Tribe community. The Committee therefore holds that

the Community status claimed by the individual as belonging to "Hindu Kattunyakan" Scheduled Tribe community is 'Not Genuine'. Accordingly, the claim made by the individual is rejected and the District Collector, Tenkasi District, is directed to take appropriate action in accordance with law in respect of the request if any made by the individual for issuance of suitable Community Certificate to him.

Member State Level Scrutiny Committee-II	Member Secretary State Level Scrutiny Committee-II	Chairman, State Level Scrutiny Committee-II

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The District Collector, Tenkasi District.(Speed Post)

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Tenkasi District.(Speed Post)

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