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PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE LEVEL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE-II

Social Justice Department,
Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai, Secretariat, Chennai – 9.

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PROCEEDINGS No.6848 /CV-2(1)/2008, dated: 23.07.2026

Sub: Social Justice Department – State Level Scrutiny Committee-II - Verification of 'Kattunayakkan' Scheduled Tribe Community Certificate of Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o. Thiru. Munusamy Naidu – Sivagangai District – Verified and concluded as **"Not Genuine"** – Orders issued – Regarding.

Ref :
1. Order of the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, dated 28.11.2007in W.P. (MD)No.9884 of 2007 and M.P(MD)No. 1 of 2007.
2. Government Letter No.6848/CV3/2008-1, dated 16.06.2008.
3. Government Letter No.6848/CV3/2008-13, dated 02.08.2012. (Enquiry Summon-1)
4. Government Letter No.6848/CV3/2008-14, dated.02.08.2012.
5. From the District Collector, Sivagangai Roc. No. B5/1359/2011, dated 15.08.2012.
6. Government Letter No.6848/CV3/2008-15, dated 30.10.2014. (Enquiry Summon -2)
7. Government Letter No.6848/CV3/2008-16, dated 22.08.2017.
8. From the Director, Tribal Welfare, Chennai Letter Na.Ka.No.TD/B1/5108/2017, dated.18.01.2019.
9. Government Letter No.6848/CV3/2008-17, dated 10.11.2020. (Enquiry Summon -3)

10. The SLSC enquiry summon letter No. 6848/CV-2/2008-18, dated;23.06.2026.

ORDERS :

1) The Revenue Divisional Officer, Madurai in his letter dated 15.07.2004 stated that Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthi, S/o. Thiru. Munusamy Naidu, a postal department employee residing at Door.No.2/363, Pamba Nagar, 2nd Steet, Madurai City had submitted applications before the Revenue Divisional Officer, Madurai on 21.03.2003 and 20.06.2004 seeking issuance of Hindu Kattunayakan ST community certificate to his children, Thiru. S. Dineshkumar and Thiru. S. Vinoth kumar based on his own Hindu Kattunayakan Community certificate. He further stated that, since the applicant was serving in the postal department, Madurai and his community certificate had been issued by the Tahsildar, Manamadurai, the Superintendent of Post Offices, Manamadurai had been requested to furnish details as to whether any enquiry had already been conducted regarding the genuineness of the applicant's community certificate. He also stated that, in his letter,dated 24.01.1984, the Superintendent of Post Offices, Manamadurai had informed that, as the applicant had failed to appear for the enquiry and had not produced required documents, the District Collector, Ramanathapuraum in his letter dated 19.11.1982 and 22.08.1983 had reported that the applicant did not belong to the Hindu Kattunayakan Community. He therefore requested the Revenue Divisional Officer, Sivagangai to inform whether any enquiry had already been conducted regarding the genuineness of the applicant's Hindu Kattunayakan Community certificate and if any order had been passed in that regard, to forward a copy of the same.

2) The District Collector, Sivagangai vide letter Na.Ka.No.B3/44804/2004, dated 23.08.2004 has requested the Revenue Divisional Officer, Sivagangai to expediate the submission of the report to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Madurai regarding the genuineness of the Hindu Kattunayakan community certificate of Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o R. Munusamy Naidu of Manamadurai Taluk, Thuthikulam Village.

3) In view of the above, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Sivagangai in his letter Moo.Mu.No.A5/6611/2004, dated 24.01.2006 addressed to the District Collector, Sivagangai has reported that an enquiry had been conducted regarding the genuineness of the Hindu Kattunayakan Community certificate of Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o R. Munusamy Naidu belonging to Thuthikulam village, Manamadurai Taluk. He further reported that during the enquiry it was found that people belonging to various communities were residing in the said village. At present members of the Vellalar community were residing in large numbers, while members of the kallar, Nayakkar and Pallar communities were residing in smaller numbers. He also reported that several Nayakkar families had resided in the village many years ago, however, most of those families had migrated to other places and at present only two Nayakkar families were residing in the village. Further he reported that the enquiry revealed that,

Thiru.M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o R. Munusamy Naidu had left Thuthikulam village about fifteen years earlier and had since been residing in Madurai. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Sivagangai further reported that during the enquiry it was found that the term Nayakkar was a title used by the Nayakkar Community and that the residents of Thuthikulam village belonged to the vadugar Community. He further reported that according to the statement of Thiru. S. Jeyachandran, S/o Sundarajan a distant relative of Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o R. Munusamy Naidu has obtained a Hindu Vadugar Community certificate. He also reported that based on the statement of Village Administrative Officer, Kirungakottai and the Revenue Inspector of Muthanenthal it had been revealed that, Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o R. Munusamy Naidu did not belong to the Hindu Kattunayakan community. Therefore, he concluded that based on the enquiry Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o R. Munusamy Naidu of Thuthikulam village did not belong to the 'Hindu Kattunayakan' community but belonged to the 'Hindu Vadugar' Community.

4) The District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer, Sivagangai vide his letter No.W5/69249-2006, dated 21.12.2006 addressed to the District Collector, Sivagangai based on the field enquiry conducted on 21.12.2006 has reported that the individual's native village is Thuthikulam Village. However, the individual has not been residing in the village, as he migrated and settled in Madurai about 15 years ago. It was further reported that no members of the Hindu Kattunayakan community People are residing in the village. The enquiry conducted into the individual's community status revealed that he does not belong to the Hindu Kattunayakan Scheduled Tribe Community.

5) In this regard, the District Collector, Sivagangai vide his letter Na. Ka. No. B5/ 44804/2004, dated 06.11.2007, directed the individual Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy to appear before the District Level Vigilance Committee on 15.11.2007 along with the original school records and land documents and he was further informed that if he failed to appear, the District Level Vigilance Committee would pass final orders based on the available records.

6) Aggrieved by the above enquiry summon the individual has filed a W.P(MD)No.9884 of 2007 and M.P.(MD)No.1 of 2007 before the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court with prayer to quash the enquiry summon letter Na.Ka.No.B5/44804/2004, dated 06.11.2007.

7) The Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in its order dated 28.11.2007 has set aside the impugned notice dated 06.11.2007, we hold that it is open to the State Level Scrutiny Committee to initiate appropriate proceedings for verification of the correctness of the community certificate issued to the petitioner as belonging to Kattunayakkan community, a Scheduled Tribe and after holding any such enquiry, communicate the final outcome of the said proceedings to the concerned parties, including the petitioner.

8) Based on the above direction, the Government vide reference 2nd cited, requested the District Collector, Sivagangai to send the original issuance record in which community certificate has been issued to the individual Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, the spot enquiry

report of the present Revenue Divisional Office, Sivagangai and any other related papers to the State Level Scrutiny Committee.

9) In this regard, the Government vide reference 3nd cited, summoned the individual Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy to appear before the State Level Scrutiny Committee on 16.08.2012 along with the original documents to substantiate his Kattunayakan community claim. He was further informed that if he failed to appear, the State Level Scrutiny Committee would pass final orders based on the available records.

10) Subsequently, the Government letter vide reference 4nd cited, summoned the District Collector, Sivagangai District was requested to depute concerned Assistant along with the original records relating to the issuance of Hindu Kattunayakan Community certificate to Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy and the spot enquiry report of the present Revenue Divisional Officer, to attend the meeting of the State Level Scrutiny Committee scheduled on 16.08.2012.

11) Based on the request the District Collector, Sivagangai District vide reference 5th cited, has reported that the community certificate had been issued by the Tahsildar, Manamadurai. Accordingly, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Sivagangai conducted a spot enquiry and spot enquiry report dated 19.08.2012 was enclosed therewith. It was further reported that the Kattunayakan community certificate had been issued by the Tahsildar, Manamadurai in C.C. No.45/77, dated 22.03.1977 and that the original file pertaining to the issuance of the community certificate would be obtained from the Tahsildar, Manamadhurai and forwarded shortly.

12) In this regard, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Sivagangai District vide his letter dated 19.08.2012 has stated that a field enquiry was conducted on 14.08.2012 in the individual native place, i.e Thuthikulam Village, Manamadurai Taluk, Sivagangai District regarding the issuance of the Kattunayakan community certificate to Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy. During the enquiry the Tahsildar, Manamadurai, the Revenue Inspector and the Village Administrative Officer were present. He further stated that the individual had resided in Thuthikulam Village, Manamadurai Taluk about 30 years ago and that his family had also been residing there. Subsequently, he had migrated to another place owing to his employment and is no longer residing permanently in the village. Therefore, since neither the individual nor any of his blood relatives are residing in Thuthikulam village, it was not passible to conduct an enquiry into his community status.

13) In this regard, the individual, Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o Thiru. Munusamy Naidu vide reference 6th cited, has been summoned to appear before the State Level Scrutiny Committee on 06.11.2014 to substantiate his claim to the Kattunayakan Scheduled Tribe community. However, he failed to appear before the committee on the scheduled date and time.

14) Subsequently, the Government vide reference 7th cited, has referred the case to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, SJ&HR Wing, Madurai District through the Director of Tribal Welfare, Chennai with the instruction to verify the genuineness of the

Kattunayakan Scheduled Tribe Community Certificate issued to the individual, Thiru.M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o Thiru. Munusamy Naidu by making an open enquiry in the presence of the individual and to send the detailed enquiry report to the State Level Scrutiny Committee.

15) In accordance with the instruction issued by the Government, the District Vigilance Cell authorities have conducted the field enquiry at the individual's native place, viz., Thuthikulam Village, Manamadurai Taluk, Sivagangai District in accordance with Law and submitted their field enquiry report to the Director, Tribal Welfare, Chennai for necessary action.

16) The Director, Tribal Welfare, Chennai, has examined the field enquiry report of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, SJ&HR wing, Sivagangai District, dated: 21.05.2018, wherein, the report of the Vigilance Cell Authority is not favour of the 'Kattunayakan' Scheduled Tribe Community Claim of the individual, Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o Thiru. Munusamy Naidu and reported to be as 'Doubtful'. Therefore, the Director, Tribal Welfare, Chennai, vide his letter dated: 19.06.2018, has issued Show Cause notice to the individual, Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o Thiru. Munusamy Naidu, along with the copy of the field enquiry report of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, SJ&HR wing, Sivagangai District, dated: 21.05.2018 and the individual was instructed to submit his reply, either in person or through representation, within fifteen days from the date of receipt of the Show Cause notice. Instead of giving reply to the Show Cause notice he requested the Director, Tribal Welfare to provide certain documents.

17) As he did not give any reply to the Show Cause notice again the Director, Tribal Welfare has issued him another Show Cause notice, vide his letter dated: 27.11.2018. For this also he did not give any reply. In this regard, the Director, Tribal Welfare, Chennai, vide reference 8th cited has forwarded the field enquiry report of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, SJ&HR Wing, Sivagangai District, Dated: 21.05.2018 to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Adi Dravidar & Tribal Welfare Department, Secretariat, Chennai for necessary further action.

18) Subsequently, the State Level Scrutiny Committee-II has examined the reports and documents placed before the Committee and observed that, the report of the Vigilance Cell Authority in respect of the individual, Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o Thiru. Munusamy Naidu's community claim is doubtful. Hence, the Committee has decided to summon to the individual vide reference 9th cited to appear for the enquiry on 23.11.2020 before the State Level Scrutiny Committee. But he was absent on that day also.

19) The State Level Scrutiny Committee-II has decided to give one more opportunity to finalize the case after conducting personal enquiry with the individual. Accordingly, the individual, Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o Thiru. Munusamy Naidu vide reference 10th cited, has been summoned to appear before the Committee on 06.07.2026 at 4.00 P.M.

20) The individual, Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o Thiru. Munusamy Naidu, has appeared before the State Level Scrutiny Committee-II on the scheduled date and time i.e. on 06.07.2026 and made depositions and submitted copy of the documents.

21) Subsequently, the State Level Scrutiny Committee-II has scrutinized the depositions, of the individual, Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o Thiru. Munusamy Naidu made before the Committee as well as the documents submitted by the individual, Competent Revenue authorities and Vigilance Cell authorities in to-to and observed as below:

22) The Vigilance Cell authorities have examined the records produced by the individual, and the depositions acquired from the local residents and documents collected during the field enquiry and concluded that the claimant had not established his claim of belonging to the Hindu "Kattunayakan" ST Community and the Scheduled Tribe Community claim of the individual is Doubtful.

23)From documents placed before the Committee, viz, report of the Tahsildar, Manamadurai, Sivagangai District vide his letter, Na.Ka.No. A8/3037/2017, dated 26.10.2017 has stated that the records relating to the issuance of the Scheduled Tribe (ST) Community Certificate C.No.45/77, dated 23.03.1977 is not traceable in the record room.

24) The Anthropologist attached with the District Vigilance Cell has reported that the individual has not expressed his culture in a patterned form. There was no congruence in his narratives with the culture of the claimed Community. Due to the in congruence data and the analysis process has its constraints and the interpretation could not be substantiated. Keeping the above research limitations, the Anthropologist concluded that, Thiru.Sundaramoorthy, S/o.Munisamy Naidu and his claim of belonging to Kattunayakan ST of Tamil Nadu is "Not Genuine".

25) The individual, Thiru.Sundaramoorthy deposed before the State Level Scrutiny Committee-II on 06.07.2026, that he had approached the District Level Vigilance Committee only for obtaining Community Certificates for his children. He further stated that as the District Level Vigilance Committee had rejected his claim, he had filed W.P.(MD)No. 9884 of 2007 and M.P(MD)No. 1 of 2007 before the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court. He stated that Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court had subsequently directed the State Level Scrutiny Committee to initiate appropriate proceedings and pass appropriate order. He further stated that as per Memo No. B/108, dtd.at. Manamadurai 623606 the 24.01.1984 issued by the Superintendent of Post Offices, Manamadurai his community had been recorded as OC in all official records, considering the services rendered by him in the department. Accordingly, he continued in service and retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.03.2015and received all retirement benefits, including full pension. He further stated that his children had completed their education and that neither he nor his children would apply for any Hindu Kattunayakan community certificate in future. Therefore, he requested the State Level Scrutiny Committee to drop the present enquiry. He also stated that he would not prefer any appeal against the orders, if any passed by the State Level Scrutiny Committee.

26) In the Superintendent of Post Office vide his Memo No. B/108, dtd.at. Manamadurai 623606 the 24.01.1984 it has been stated that "Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy, S/o Munusamy *Naidu of Thuthiulam Village, Manamadurai Taluk was recruited to the cadre of post office Clerk in 1978 by the Circle Office, Madras and was appointed as Post Office Clerk on 28.05.1979. Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy in the application for recruitment to the cadre of post office Clerk sent on 14.08.1978 claimed to belong to ST community and Kattunayakan Tribe under ST. The official furnished copy of first page of Secondary School Leaving Certificate book no. E 026917 issued by Thiyagarajar High School, Madurai which showed that the official did not belong to ST community. The official was provisnally considered as an applicant of ST community subject to verification of the correct community to which the official belonged. The certificate issued by the Tahsildar, Sivaganga on 27.11.1978 was refered to the Collector of Ramanathapuram for verification. In his report dated 29.11.1982 and 22.08.1983, the collector intimated that Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy failed to appear, present records and establish his claim as ST and therefore the Collector, Ramanathapuram declared that the individual did not belong to Kattunayakan Community. The certificate issued by the Tahsildar, Sivaganga has therefore become questionable in view of decision of the collector, Ramanathapuram District. Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy with 49% of aggregate marks would not have been selected against unreserved quota. He was selected under reserved quota as ST because the official obtained a certificate from a Revenue Authority furnishing information that he belonged to ST community. The official applied for selection as ST candidate and after appointment the official failed to establish his claim as ST, when the mater was referred to the District Collector, Ramanathapuram for verification and the question of retaining the official in service has to be decided. Accordingly in view of the discrepancy in the community of the official and in view of the report of he Collector, Ramanathapuram District and in accordance with the instructions contained in DG P&T letter No.26/41/81-SPB I, dated 18.09.1981, and considering the service rendered by the official in the department, it is hereby ordered that the community of Thiru. M. Sundaramoorthy now acting postal assistant, Manamadurai HO be taken as OC in all official records for all purposes.*"

27) During the personal hearing, the Anthropologist/Member, State Level Scrutiny Committee-II asked the individual whether he was willing to undergo an anthropological enquiry, particularly in view of his request that the enquiry relating to his Kattunayakan community certificate be dropped. In response the individual stated that he has no knowledge of the customs, traditions or cultural practices of the Kattunayakan Community, and therefore stated that an anthropological enquiry is not necessary.

28) In view of the above, as well as based on the depositions of the individual, reports and documentary evidences placed before the State Level Scrutiny Committee- II, relevant Presidential Orders in respect of Scheduled Tribe Community lists of Tamil Nadu; various guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Courts and the Government with regard to verification of Scheduled Tribe Community Status and issuance of Community Certificates, etc., the State Level Scrutiny Committee - II hereby concludes that the individual, Thiru. Sundaramoorthy, S/o Thiru.Gurusamy Naidu does not belong to 'Kattunayakan' Scheduled Tribe Community and further concludes that the Hindu

Kattunayakan Community Certificate (C.C.No.45/77, dated 22.03.1977) of the individual, Thiru. Sundaramoorthy, S/o Thiru.Gurusamy Naidu is Not Genuine and the claim made by the individual is rejected. Accordingly, the Committee directs the District Collector, Sivagangai District, to initiate appropriate action for the cancellation and confiscation of the said certificate in accordance with law.

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

To

The District Collector,
Sivagangai- 630 562. (Speed post).

The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Sivagangai- 630 562. (Speed post).

The Superintendent of Post offices,
Manamadurai Division,
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The Director, Tribal Welfare, Chennai-5.
(This case detail has to be published on the official website, and confirmation should be sought from the District Collector, Sivagangai regarding the cancellation of the individual's certificate

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