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Proceedings of the TamilNadu State Level Scrutiny Committee-II

Social Justice Department

Namakkal Kavignar Maaligai, Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

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PRESENT:

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

PROCEEDINGS No.6266/CV-2(2)/2006, dated: 13.08.2026

Sub: Social Justice Department – State Level Scrutiny Committee-II - verification of "Hindu - Malakkuravan" Communal status claim of Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, S/o. Thiru.C.Palanichamy @ Palaniappan – Dindigul District - Verified and concluded as"**Not Genuine**"– Orders issued – Regarding.

Ref:
1. Proceedings of the District Level Vigilance Committee, Dindigul District No:61203/2005/H1, dated:29.01.2006.
2. Representation made by the individual Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, S/o. Thiru.C.Palanichamy @ Palaniappan before the State Level Scrutiny Committee, dated:13.03.2006.
3. Government letter No:6266/ADW2/2006-1, dated: 12.05.2006.
4. Orders of the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court dated:28.06.2006 in W.P (MD) No.2487 of 2006 and W.P.M.P.No.2725 of 2006.
5. From the Deputy General Manager, Disciplinary

Action Cell, Canara Bank, Circle Office, St.Mary's Compund, East Veli Street, Madurai-625001, Letter No:MDUC DAC 591 2006 DNR dated:24.07.2006.

6. Government D.O. letter No:6266/ADW2/2006; dated: 23.08.2006.
7. From the District Collector, Dindigul District letter No:24560/2006/H1; dated:23.08.2006.
8. Government D.O. letter No:6266/ADW2/2006; dated: 11.09.2006.
9. Government letter No:6266/CV3/2006; dated: 21.10.2011.
10. Government letter No:6266/CV3/2006-21; dated:17.03.2014.
11. Representation made by the individual, Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, S/o. Thiru.C.Palanichamy @ Palaniappan, dated:21.03.2014.
12. Government letter No:6266/CV3/2006; dated:08.10.2014.
13. Representation from Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, S/o. Thiru.C.Palanichamy @ Palaniappan, dated:16.10.2014.
14. Government letter No:6266/CV3/2006-23, dated: 08.01.2015.
15. Government letter No:6266/CV3/2006-24; dated: 08.01.2015.
16. Government letter No:6266/CV3/2006-25; dated: 07.07.2015.
17. Government letter No:6266/CV3/2006-26; dated: 02.08.2016.
18. Report of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Social Justice and human Rights wing, Dindigul District CV No.13/ DSP/ SJ&HR/ SC/ST Vigilance Cell/ Dindigul; dated:31.08.2017.
19. The Director, Tribal Welfare Show Cause Notice No: TD/B2/4392/2016; dated:03.10.2018 and 10.11.2018.
20. W.P (MD) No.24124 of 2018 and W.M.P (MD) No.21821 of 2018 filed by Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, S/o. Thiru.C.Palanichamy @ Palaniappan.
21. Orders of the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court dated:23.01.2019 in W.P (MD) No.24124 of 2018 and

W.M.P (MD) No.21821 of 2018 filed by Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, S/o. Thiru.C.Palanichamy @ Palaniappan.

22. From the Director, Tribal Welfare letter No:TD/B2/4392/2016; dated:05.04.2019.
23. State Level Scrutiny Committee-II Enquiry Summon No:6266/CV2(2)/2006; dated:02.09.2025.
24. State Level Scrutiny Committee-II Enquiry Summon No:6266/CV2(2)/2006; dated:18.06.2026.
25. Representation from Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, S/o. Thiru.C.Palanichamy @ Palaniappan, Dindigul District; dated:27.06.2026.
26. State Level Scrutiny Committee-II Enquiry Summon No:6266/CV2(2)/2006; dated:09.07.2026.

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ORDERS:

Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, S/o. Thiru.C.Palanichamy @ Palaniappan, has obtained Hindu-Malaikuravan Form of caste certificate [C.No.17027/85; dated:05.06.1985] from Tahsildar, Dindigul. Based on the above Certificate, the individual has got appointment in the Canara Bank and joined as Peon in the year 1985. The employer (i.e., Canara Bank) vide his letter dated:09.10.2001, has referred the matter to the District Collector, Dindigul District.

2. The District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer, Dindigul District vide his letter dated:01.12.2001 has requested the Assistant Collector, Dindigul to conduct the field enquiry report in respect of the individual's communal claim. Accordingly, the Assistant Collector, Dindigul vide his Memorandum dated:25.04.2002 has summoned the individual to appear before him on 06.05.2002. Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, S/o. Thiru.C.Palanichamy @ Palaniappan has appeared before the Assistant Collector, Dindigul on 07.05.2002 and made his depositions. The Assistant Collector, Dindigul vide his letter dated:21.05.2002 has forwarded his inquiry report to the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer, Dindigul. In the above report he has concluded that, based on the field enquiry report and the documents furnished by the individual being not strong enough to support his Scheduled Tribe claim, Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj S/o Palaniappan does not belong to 'Malaikuravan' Community.

3. The District Level Vigilance Committee has summoned the individual vide its Memorandum dated:17.06.2002 to appear before the Committee on 24.06.2002. Accordingly, the individual has appeared before the Committee on scheduled date and made his depositions. The District Level Vigilance Committee comprising of two members headed by the District Collector, Dindigul issued orders vide proceedings

dated:03.08.2002 concluding that the 'Malaikuravan' claim of the individual as 'Not Genuine' and cancelled the community certificate. Aggrieved by the orders, the individual has filed a Writ Petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras as W.P.No.35114 of 2002 and W.P.M.P.No.52242 of 2002 with a prayer to quash proceedings dated:03.08.2002 of the the District Level Vigilance Committee. The Hon'ble Court in its orders dated:11.09.2002, has directed the Petitioner to file an appeal before the State Level Scrutiny Committee. The individual vide his appeal representation dated:23.09.2002 has requested the State Level Scrutiny Committee to pass appropriate orders on his "Malaikuravan" communal claim.

4. Meanwhile, the Government vide G.O (Ms) No.111, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Dated: 06.07.2005 have reconstituted the Two Member District Level Vigilance Committee into Three Member committee in accordance with the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in C.A.No.5854/1994 dated:02.09.1994 (Kumari Madhuri Patil and anothers – Appeallants – Vs. Additional Commissioner, Tribal Development and others – Respondents). Further the Government have also decided that all the appeals currently pending before the State Level Scrutiny Committee against the orders passed by the Two Member District Level Vigilance Committee be remanded back to the newly constituted Three Member District Level Vigilance Committee for fresh verification and orders. Accordingly, connected files and records relating to Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj S/o Palanichamy have been remanded back to the District Collector vide Government letter dated:05.10.2005 to carry out the verification afresh by following due procedures and pass fresh orders.

5. As per the new procedures, the Member Secretary, District Level Vigilance Committee vide its Enquiry Notice dated:11.11.2005 has summoned the individual to appear before the Committee on 22.11.2005 to substantiate his 'Malakkuravan' community claim. The Scheduled enquiry has been postponed to 19.12.2005 due to administrative reasons. Meanwhile, the individual has filed another Writ Petition before the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in W.P.No.10680 of 2005 and W.P.M.P.No.11397 of 2005 with a prayer to quash the Enquiry Notice dated:11.11.2005 of the Member Secretary, District Level Vigilance Committee. The Hon'ble Court in its orders dated:28.11.2005 has pronounced that, "*in so far as the challenge to the enquiry notice dated:11.11.2005, the same suffers from non-application of mind, whereas the subject contains the name of the petitioner, the contents of the notice refer to one S.G.Vetriselvan and it has also been addressed to S.G.Vetriselvan who has also been referred in the said order. However, the notice was communicated to the petitioner. Hence, in the circumstances, the impugned notice is set aside, in so far as the petitioner is concerned, giving liberty to the District Level Committee to issue proper notice to the petitioner and proceed further, if it is advisable*".

6. Meanwhile, the individual has appeared before the Member Secretary, District Level Vigilance Committee, Dindigul District on 19.12.2005 and informed that the documents in support of his claim are submitted before the Hon'ble Court and requested

to postpone the enquiry to 10.01.2006. However, he has explained about his cultural traits before the Member/Anthropologist, District Level Vigilance Committee on 19.12.2005. The Member/Anthropologist has remarked that, the individual's culture, habits and outer body resemblance do not match the characteristic features of 'Malakkuravan' Scheduled Tribe.

7. Though, the individual has requested the Committee to conduct the next personal hearing on 10.01.2006, he failed to appear along with the documents on 10.01.2006 but sent a letter seeking further extension of time. The Member Secretary, District Level Vigilance Committee vide Enquiry Notice dated:16.01.2006 has summoned the individual to appear before the Committee on 23.01.2006 to substantiate his 'Malakkuravan' community claim and informed that if he fails to appear on the scheduled date, orders will be passed based on the materials and records available with the Committee. The individual vide his representation dated:21.01.2006 has again sought further extension of time. The District Level Vigilance Committee, Dindigul District comprising of Three Members headed by the District Collector, Dindigul District as Chairman vide its proceedings dated:29.01.2006 has concluded that the 'Malakkuravan' Scheduled Tribe community claim of Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, S/o. Palanichamy is 'Not Genuine' and cancelled the Scheduled Tribe Malaikuravan Community Certificate and the same to be confiscated.

8. Aggrieved by the orders, the individual vide his representation dated:13.03.2006 filed an appeal before the State Level Scrutiny Committee against the orders passed by the District Level Vigilance Committee dated: 29.01.2006. The Government vide reference 3rd cited, has requested the District Collector, Dindigul to forward the connected records to the State Level Scrutiny Committee in respect of the individual for necessary action. Subsequently, based on the orders of the District Level Vigilance Committee, the employer, i.e. Canara Bank vide order dated:03.03.2006 has dismissed the individual from service. Aggrieved by the decision of the employer, the individual has filed a writ petition before the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in W.P.No.2487 of 2006 and W.P.M.P.No.2725 of 2006 with a prayer to quash the dismissal order of the employer dated:03.03.2006. The Hon'ble Court in its orders dated:28.06.2006 has setaside the impugned order dated:03.03.2006 and directed the employer to reinstate the individual into service with all back wages from the date of dismissal till the date of reinstatement. Further, the State Level Scrutiny Committee is directed to dispose of the petitioner's appeal within a period of three months. Accordingly, the employer vide reference 5th cited has reinstated the individual.

9. The Government vide reference 6th cited has reminded the District Collector, Dindigul District to send the relevant records to the Committee and in response the District Collector, Dindigul District vide reference 7th cited has forwarded the relevant records to the committee. However, the original issuance record pertaining to the year 1985 was not received along with the records and same was requested vide reference 8th cited. Since, the issuance records were awaited for long years, the Committee summoned

the individual vide reference 9th cited to appear before the Committee on 03.11.2011. the individual has failed to appear on the scheduled date and the Committee summoned again vide reference 10th cited to appear before the Committee on 17.03.2014. The individual vide reference 11th cited has sought six weeks time for appearance. Accordingly, the Committee vide reference 12th cited summoned him to appear before the Committee on 16.10.2014. The individual has appeared before the Committee on the scheduled date and made his depositions and vide reference 13th cited, requested the committee to conclude his community claim as genuine.

10. The State Level Scrutiny Committee vide reference 14th cited has requested the Member/Anthropologist, State Level Scrutiny Committee to conduct spot enquiry in individual's place of abode about his cultural traits and to send the report. Subsequently, vide reference 15th cited, a spot enquiry report from the revenue authorities was also requested. Meanwhile, the State Level Scrutiny Committee vide reference 16th cited, requested the new Member/Anthropologist, to conduct spot enquiry in individual's place of abode about his cultural traits and to send the report. Subsequently, the State Level Scrutiny Committee, referred the case vide reference 17th cited to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, SC/ST Vigilance Cell, Trichy Region for causing verification over the community certificate of the individual Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India (JT 1994(5) SC 488) in Kumari Madhuri Patil's case dated:02.09.1994 as well as in G.O (Ms) No.106, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, dated:15.10.2012.

11. In view of the above, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Social Justice & Human Rights wing, SC/ST Vigilance Cell, Dindigul district has conducted the field enquiry in the individual's native place viz., Adiyanoothu, Dindigul district in accordance with law and submitted his field enquiry report to the Director of Tribal Welfare, Chennai vide reference 18th cited.

12. The Director of Tribal Welfare, Chennai has examined the field enquiry report of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Social Justice and Human Rights wing, SC/ST Vigilance Cell, Dindigul district, dated:31.08.2017 wherein the report of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Social Justice & Human Rights wing, SC/ST Vigilance Cell, Dindigul district is not in favour of the individual's Scheduled Tribe community claim and reported to be as 'Not Genuine'. Hence, the Director of Tribal Welfare, Chennai has issued Show Cause Notice dated:03.10.2018 to the individual to furnish his explanation. The individual vide his representation dated:22.10.2018 has informed the Director, Tribal Welfare that, he is unwell and sought six weeks time to furnish his explanation. The Director of Tribal Welfare, Chennai has again issued Show Cause Notice dated:10.11.2018 to the individual to furnish his explanation.

13. Aggrieved by the Show Cause Notice dated:10.11.2018, the individual has filed a writ petition before the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in W.P (MD) No.24124 of 2018 and W.M.P (MD) No.21821 of 2018 with a prayer to quash the Show

Cause Notice dated:10.11.2018. The Hon'ble Court in its orders dated:08.03.2019 has disposed the case.

14. The Director of Tribal Welfare, Chennai vide reference 22nd cited has forwarded the Vigilance cell report of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Social Justice & Human Rights wing, SC/ST Vigilance Cell, Dindigul district, dated:31.08.2017 to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government, Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Secretariat, Chennai for necessary action. The State Level Scrutiny Committee-II vide reference 23rd cited has summoned the individual through the employer to appear before the Committee on 16.09.2025. The individual has not appeared on the scheduled date and consequently, the State Level Scrutiny Committee-II vide reference 24th cited has summoned the individual through the employer to appear before the Committee on 30.06.2026. The individual vide reference 25th cited has informed the Committee that he did not receive the Committee summon letter dated:02.09.2025 and sought one month time to appear before the Committee. Accordingly, the State Level Scrutiny Committee-II vide reference 26th cited has summoned the individual through the employer to appear before the Committee on 03.08.2026. However, the individual has not appeared before the Committee on the 03.08.2026 and surprisingly appeared before State Level Scrutiny Committee on 13.08.2026 without giving any intimation.

15. The State Level Scrutiny Committee-II has conducted the inquiry with the individual on 13.08.2026 and scrutinized the documents and depositions in to-to as follows.

16. During the enquiry, the individual himself has deposed that his parents belong to 'Hindu-Kuravan'. However, when questioned about his school record, wherein his community entries were recorded as 'Hindu-Kuravan'; he has deposed that his parents have made the entries as 'Hindu-Kuravan'. Further, he was also questioned about the school/hostel record wherein the community entries were recorded as 'Hindu-Kuravan' in respect of the individual parents C.Palaniappan, S/o. Chinnan was joined VIth std on 09.06.1952 in Dudley Higher Secondary School, Dindigul and C.Kamalam, D/o. Chinnaiya who joined IVth std on 07.06.1950 in Selangeni Municipal School and another Hostel admission record maintained in Kasturiba Girls Hostel when she joined on 01.06.1955. In response he has deposed that, he did not know about that, since those entries were made before his birth. Since these records pertains to year 1950's it carries high probative value. These documents serve as a crucial piece of evidence to substantiate that the individual belongs to 'Hindu-Kuravan'.

17. From the documents placed before the Committee, it is observed that, in all the school record entries were recorded as 'Hindu-Kuravan' in respect of his children. Raising question upon the above matter the individual has deposed that he has applied for the 'Hindu-Malaikuravan' Scheduled Tribe Community Certificate. Since the same was

not issued, he has obtained Hindu-Kuravan' Community Certificate relying his wife's community.

18. From the documents placed before the Committee, it is observed that, in all the school record entries were recorded as 'Hindu-Kuravan' in respect of all the children of his sibling. When questioned upon the above matter, the individual has deposed that, 'they have obtained 'Hindu-Kuravan' certificates, what could I do?'

19. From the documents placed before the Committee, it is observed that, the District Vigilance cell authorities including the Anthropologist has concluded that Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj does not belong to 'Malakkuravan' community. The individual in response has deposed before the Committee that, he confronted before the District Vigilance authorities that, he belongs to 'Malaikuravan' community, but they refused to accept the fact and he does not have enough documents to substantiate his claim. The sluggish response provided by the individual can be interpreted as an attempt to evade the direct inquiries posed to them. This behaviour suggests a reluctance to engage meaningfully with the questions at hand, indicating a possible desire to avoid accountability or scrutiny. Such evasiveness not only undermines the clarity of communication but also raises concerns about the individual's willingness to confront the issues directly. By sidestepping the questions, the individual may be attempting to protect himself from further examination or to deflect attention away from potentially uncomfortable topics.

20. During the personal hearing the Member, Anthropologist, has enquired the individual and reported that, Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, S/o. C.Palanisamy @ Palaniappan claiming 'Malakkuravan' community was enquired regarding the anthropological and ethnological aspects relating to ethnic linkage, affinity test, customs, traditions, traits, characteristics, mode of marriage, death ceremonies, method of burial, deities, rituals and other anthropological particulars. However, the individual could not reveal or substantiate any anthropological and ethnological characteristics relating to the claimed 'Malakkuravan' Community.

21. It is quite obvious fact that the Constitution intends to give benefits of socioeconomic advancement and equality of social status by providing reservation to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in public services and educational institutions and it is solemn duty of the State to ensure that the various provisions enshrined in the Constitution shall benefit the real Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes. The act of securing Government jobs by furnishing fake Community Certificate or obtaining bogus Community Certificate from Revenue officials by producing false evidence and documents, essentially has the effect of depriving the constitutional benefits conferred on the original Scheduled Tribes by the Indian Constitution. This act of mislead amounts to constitutional fraud and it defeats the very noble goals of the Constitution.

22. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its judgement dated 02.09.1994 in Kumari Mathuri Patil case 1995 AIR94 JT 1994(5) 488 has pronounced as follows:

"13. The admissions wrongly gainedor appointment wrongly obtained on the basis of false social statusCertificate necessarily has the effect of depriving the genuine Scheduled Castes orScheduled Tribes or OBC Candidates as enjoyed in the Constitution of the benefits conferred on them by the Constitution. The genuine candidates are also denied admission to educational institutes or appointments to office or posts under a State for want of social status Certificate.

23. 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 issuance and verification of Scheduled Tribe Community Status and Community Certificates, Formats of the Scheduled Tribe Community Certificates prescribed by the Government from time-to-time, etc., the State Level Scrutiny Committee-II hereby concludes that the individual, Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, S/o. C.Palaniappan and his family **do not** belong to 'Malakkuravan' Scheduled Tribe Community and further concludes that the "Hindu Malaikuravan" form of caste certificate [C.No.17027/85; dated:05.06.1985] issued by Tahsildar, Dindigul to the individual, Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj S/o C.Palaniappan is 'Not Genuine". Therefore, the State Level Scrutiny Committee –II hereby cancels the aforesaid 'Hindu Malaikuravan' Scheduled Tribe form of caste certificate [C.No.17027/85; dated:05.06.1985] of the individual Thiru.P.Mohanasundararaj, S/o. C.Palaniappan and his communicate certificate should be confiscated and the appropriate action may be initiated against the individual as per existing rules and guidelines.

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

To
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(The receipt of the Proceedings must be acknowledged)

The Assistant General Manager,
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Human Resources Management Section,
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The Director, Tribal Welfare, Chennai.

- This case detail has to be published on the official website, and confirmation should be sought from the District Collector, Dindigul regarding the cancellation of the individual's Certificate.

The District Collector,
Dindigul District.(Speed Post)

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

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