

Rc.No.B2/3799/2022

Dated: 02.12.2022

**Office of the
Addl. Director General of Police
Social Justice and Human Rights,
Chennai- 4.**

MEMORANDUM

Sub: Police – Social Justice and Human Rights – Press News appeared in India Today on 01.12.2022 - Directions from NCSC State Office, Chennai – For compliance - Regarding.

Ref: F.No.3/20/Erode/2022/Res., dated 02.12.2022 of NCSC State Office, Chennai.

Personal attention is invited to the above cited reference.

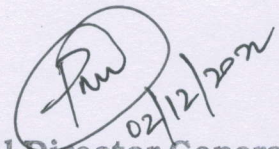
1) The National Commission for Schedule Caste, State Office, Chennai vide the above cited reference enclosed herewith, in connection with the article appeared in Press news in “India Today” dated 01.12.2022 has directed to sensitize the general public by conducting awareness campaigns on the rights of SCs and the consequences of its deprivation under the SCs&STs (PoA) Act and also to conduct awareness campaign at Schools, Colleges, Government offices, Prominent public gathering, thickly SC populated villages in all Districts of Tamil Nadu.

2) Hence the Commissioners of Police and Superintendents of Police of all Districts are requested to ensure to conduct awareness campaigns as directed by the NCSC, State Office, Chennai.

The compliance in this regard may be forwarded to the NCSC, State Office, Chennai along with the copy marked to the ADGP, SJ&HR vide e-mail adgpsjhr@gmail.com

“Matter most Urgent”.

Encl: a/a.


for Additional Director General of Police,
Armed Police,
i/c. SJ&HR, Chennai.

To

1. All Commissioners of Police in Cities (except Chennai City)
2. The Addl. Commissioner of Police, Headquarters, Chennai.
3. The Superintendents of Police in Districts.

Copy to

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary, AD&TW Dept, Chennai-9.
2. The Addl. Director General of Police, Law & Order, Chennai.



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SPEED POST

December 2, 2022.

F.No. 3/20/Erode/2022 Res.

To:

The Additional Director General of Police,
SJ & HR,
Mylapore, Chennai 600 004.

Subject: Press news that appeared in the 'India Today' dated 1.12.2022 – 'Class 4 kids from SC community made to clean School bathroom in TN's Erode, Headmistress absconding' – Report called for – Reg.

Sir,

Please find enclosed a copy of press news that appeared in the 'India Today' dated 1.12.2022 on the subject cited above. In this regard, it is requested to furnish the action taken report including a copy of FIR, arrest of accused persons and steps taken to prevent the recurrence of such inhuman incidents in Government Schools in Erode District to this Commission immediately in order to appraise the same to NCSC Headquarters, New Delhi.

It may please be noted that NCSC being the Constitutional Body to safeguard the interests of SCs, vehemently reprises such discriminatory atrocity perpetrated on SC children. Therefore, as suggested by the Hon'ble Vice Chairman during his visits to Tamil Nadu, it is requested to sensitize the general public by conducting awareness campaigns on the rights of SCs and the consequences of its deprivation under the SC/ST (POA) Act. It is requested to conduct such awareness campaigns in Schools, Colleges, Government Offices, prominent public gathering places/venues and thickly populated SC villages in Erode District and entire State of Tamil Nadu as well under intimation to this Office.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,


for Director

India Today, dated 1.12.2022

Class 4 kids from SC community made to clean school bathroom in TN's Erode, headmistress absconding

A government primary school headmistress forced Class 4 students from an SC community to clean the bathrooms and the water tank on the premises. The headmistress has been absconding since the incident came to light. She has been suspended and booked under the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Erode,UPDATED: Dec 1, 2022 15:49 IST



The government primary school where Class 4 SC community students were ordered to clean the toilets.

By Akshaya Nath: Children from a Scheduled Caste community, studying in Class 4 at a government primary school in TN's Erode, were allegedly made to clean the bathroom and the water tank using bleaching powder on a regular basis. The headmistress of the school was suspended and booked under the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act after the issue came to light.

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The incident was discovered after one of the students in the school was admitted to the Perundurai government hospital.

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The Class 5 student was diagnosed with Dengue, and when parents asked the child how he might have contracted the disease, the child reportedly revealed that he, along with a few other students, was made to clean the water tank and bathroom using bleaching powder on a regular basis.

After that, the parents inquired with students of Class 4 in the school, and a video of the children revealing fearfully that they were made to clean the water tank and bathroom is now going viral.

The boys in the video can be heard naming the Headmistress of the school as the one who asked the boys to do the task. In the video, the children, out of fear, can be seen constantly checking whether anyone was watching them.

The boys revealed that they had been made to clean the water tank and bathroom multiple times.

Parents of the students staged a protest at the school and demanded that the headmistress be arrested. Meanwhile, police are searching for the headmistress Geetharani, who is now absconding. Headmistress Geetharani of the primary school has been suspended after the preliminary investigation and has also been booked under the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Further investigation is underway.

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