

கருர் கொந்தூறுதல்: உயர்நீதிமன்றம் த.வெ.க.வக்கு கரும் கண்டனம் குறித்து நாளைக் கோர்ட்டு

HC condemns TVK leaders for 'abandoning' victims

■ '(Vijay) fled from Karur scene - Vanished', says judge

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Observing that the stampede at the Karur election rally of the Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) on Saturday was a man-made disaster, the Madras High Court expressed anguish over police inaction against the party president Vijay pointing out that he had fled the scene and ordered the constitution of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by Inspector General of Police Asra Garg to probe in the tragedy.

It was agonising for him as a judge to see the death of 41 people in the stampede and asked the police what they had done so far but for arresting just two people.

The judge also asked why the police had not issued any notice to the TVK since an unprovoked mob indulged in all kinds of activities and what prevented the party from taking precautionary measures at the rally in Karur.

Justice Senthilkumar said, "The entire world had witnessed the unfortunate incident and everyone, right from the President of India and Prime Minister had condemned the loss of lives, the police action did not appear to be adequate. Justice Senthilkumar said, raising a plethora of questions against the police."

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THE TIMES OF INDIA HC lambasts Vijay; orders SIT probe into stampede

Register Hit-And-Run Case; Preserve CCTV Footage, Says Court

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Chennai: Lambasting actor-politician Vijay and his Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) leaders for first causing a stampede that killed 41 people in Karur on Sept 27, and then abandoning their cadres and followers, the court ordered a probe by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) on Friday.

Justice N. Senthilkumar said, "This court highly condemns such an attitude of the party (TVK) in abandoning its cadres and followers immediately after the incident. There was not even a remote sense of feeling expressed by the party taking responsibility for organising such an event. This only shows the mental state of the leader and the party by and large," Justice N. Senthilkumar said.

"The SIT shall be headed by Asra Garg, Inspector-general of police (north zone) and comprise Vimala, superintendent of police, Namakkal district, and Shyamadas, superintendent of police in addition. Asra Garg is at liberty to select additional team members under any category/designation as he deems fit," said the judge.

All the available CCTV camera footage in the place of the incident, more particularly the footage inside and outside the bus carrying the leader of the political party shall be seized, the court said.

"Can't understand, P 6

BJP's selective attention on Karur incident for political gains: Stalin

Stalin questions BJP's intention

Chief Minister M. K. Stalin questioned the intention of the BJP in highlighting the Karur incident for political gains. He said, "The BJP is selective in its attention on the Karur incident, ignoring other tragedies that have occurred in the state. This is a clear attempt to use the incident for political gains."

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THE HINDU GROUND ZERO

In Karur, where there was no way out

On September 27, thousands of people gathered in Karur for a political rally. The rally was organized by the Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) and was led by its president, Vijay. The rally was held in a narrow street, and the police failed to maintain order, leading to a stampede. The incident resulted in the death of 41 people and the injury of many others.

'Can't understand how the party that held rally abandoned scene'

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The bus which is involved in the hit and run shall also be seized, the court said. "It was also witnessed by every one of us on the television that the bus which was carrying the leader was involved in an accident with two motorbikes. Both the driver and the leader (Vijay) saw the accident but left the place without stopping," Justice Senthilkumar pointed out.

"In both cases, police have not registered an FIR for hit and run. This court expresses its deep anguish and agony that even if no complaint is filed by the aggrieved, the state has suo motu responsibility to register a case and bring the perpetrators of the crime on trial," Justice Senthilkumar said.

Neither the leader nor the followers were there at the scene of occurrence after the incident. It is to be noted that the President, the Prime Minister, Union home minister, chief minister of Tamil Nadu, and the leader of opposition condoned the incident.

Such an irresponsible attitude of any leader or any organization cannot be taken so lightly. The court owes its responsibility towards its citizens. It is unfortunate that the scene of occurrence immediately after the incident," the judge said.

"The fatal occurrence resulted in the loss of 41 lives. Unfortunately, the order on a plea moved by P.H. Dinesh of Chennai, seeking to restrain the Tamil Nadu home secretary and DGP from granting permission for road rallies to TVK, was not issued. This is a clear attempt to use the incident for political gains."

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THE HINDU Madras High Court sets up SIT to probe Karur stampede

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The Madras High Court on Friday ordered the constitution of a Special Investigation Team (SIT), headed by Inspector-General of Police Asra Garg, to probe the stampede that claimed 41 lives during TVK president and actor Vijay's political campaign in Karur on September 27.

Justice Senthilkumar also recorded that the court "highly condemns" the act of the TVK leaders in having "abandoned" the innocent people who had thronged the venue at Velusampuram just to have a glimpse of Mr. Vijay but ended up losing their lives. He said the party ought to have come to their rescue.

Meanwhile, the Madras Bench of the court refused to order a CBI probe and dismissed the anticipatory bail pleas of TVK general secretary N. Anand, alias 'Bossy' Anand, and joint general secretary C.T.R. Nirmal Kumar.

Justice Senthilkumar asked the Karur Town Inspector of Police to hand over to the SIT all papers related to an FIR filed against Mr. Anand and Mr. Nirmal Kumar on the charge of culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

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The Madras High Court on Friday condemned the TVK for flouting the conditions set for conducting the event in Karur. The court said, "The TVK leaders failed to follow the conditions set for conducting the event, leading to the stampede. This is a clear attempt to use the incident for political gains."

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Chennai: Slamming the TVK general secretary of election campaign management Aadhav Arjuna for making an "inflammatory" social media post inciting youths for a 'Gen Z revolution' like the one in Nepal, Madras high court has directed the TN police to take appropriate action based on the FIR filed against him, reports Sureshkumar.K P 6

Justice N. Senthilkumar said, "The TVK general secretary of election campaign management Aadhav Arjuna has made an inflammatory social media post inciting youths for a 'Gen Z revolution' like the one in Nepal. This is a clear attempt to use the incident for political gains."

Earlier, defending the actions of the police, additional advocate-general J. Ravindran said, "We have registered an FIR, and we are going ahead with the investigation. My only request is, my lord, at this stage, please do not find fault with us; we are doing our duty."

Refusing to concur, the court said, "Don't give any honey-coated statements, AAG."

The court passed the order on a plea moved by S.M. Kathiravan for the arrest of Aadhav Arjuna for a seditious tweet, which was deleted later.

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