

Tuticorin firing incident; Court question to Tamil Nadu government!

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On May 22, 2018, 13 people including 11 men and 2 women were killed in firing during the protest against the Sterlite plant. 40 people sustained serious injuries. The inquiry report of the Tuticorin firing commission headed by retired judge Aruna Jagatheesan was tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

Based on this report, IG Suresh Yadav, DIG Kapil Kumar Sarathkar, SP Mahendran, DSP Linga Thirumaran, Police Inspectors Thirumalai, Harikaran, Parthiban, SIs Sornamani, Rennie, Constables Raja Shankar, Sudalaikannu, Thandava Murthy, Satish Kumar, Raja, Kannan, Mathivanan and many others. M.G. has ordered an investigation. Stalin had declared. Subsequently, in the commission headed by Justice Aruna Jagatheesan, it was recommended that departmental action should be taken against the 17 policemen involved in the shooting incident and that departmental action should be taken against the then Thoothukudi District Collector and Revenue Department officials.

Subsequently, social activist Henry Thibane had filed a petition in the Madras High Court regarding this incident. In the petition filed by him, 'Justice Aruna Jagatheesan Commission has recommended action against 17 officials in connection with the Thoothukudi incident. But no action has been taken against them till this day.

The petition in this regard came up for hearing today (03-11-23) in the Madras High Court. Then, 'Why did not action be taken against the authorities based on the report given by Judge Aruna Jagatheesan Commission which inquired into the Thoothukudi firing incident?' The High Court has questioned the Tamil Nadu government. Further, the court ordered the Tamil Nadu government to provide an explanation in this regard and adjourned the hearing to November 17.

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