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# Rights body wants CM to press for fresh autopsy on man killed in AP

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Madurai: Chief minister Edappadi Palaniswami should press for the re-postmortem of C Kamaraj, 58, a person with hearing impairment from Kanamalai village in Polur Taluk, Tiruvannamalai district. He was killed in the encounter in Andhra Pradesh forests, while he and a few others were allegedly smuggling red sanders on Saturday.

Pressing for the demand, Madurai based human rights organisation People's Watch took up the issue with the National Human Rights Commission on Sunday. Its founder Henri Tiphagne said that police and forest department along with hospital authorities in Andhra Pradesh had not done the post mortem professionally. "They are pressuring the grieving family to receive the body at the earliest and to finish the final rites, so that it will be disposed," he said.

The activist expressed doubts over the mode of communication Kamaraj received and if he had realised what was happening, due to his hearing impairment. Stating that the organisation representatives are assisting the family of the deceased and managed to temporarily stop AP authorities from pressurising the family, he added that the organisation will move the AP high court and press for re-postmortem.

According to Tiphagne, re-postmortem should be conducted by a team of forensic experts from Tamil Nadu and AP, complying with the national and international standards. "Kamaraj is the 26th person from Tamil Nadu killed by the bullet in AP forests from 2015," he said.