

SP summoned over illegal detention

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HEARING a public interest litigation alleging illegal detention and threatening of persons involved in anti-Sterlite activities in Thoothukudi, the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court summoned the Thoothukudi Superintendent of Police.

The litigant S Mohan, Joint Director of People's Watch, submitted that several persons involved in anti-Sterlite activities including those who are members of WhatsApp groups formed against the industry, are being threatened by the police. One of the witnesses to the police firing that took place during anti-Sterlite protest in Thoothukudi, Santhosh Raj was arrested and illegally detained without following due procedures, he stated, and prayed the Court for a direction against the same.

A division bench comprising Justices K K Sasidharan and PD Audikesavalu who heard the plea, directed the Thoothukudi SP to appear before the Court on January 30.