

CB-CID gets two weeks to trace Mugilan

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The Madras High Court on Monday granted the Crime Branch-Criminal Investigation Department (CB-CID) time till March 18 to trace the anti-Sterlite activist T. Mugilan alias Shanmugam. The time was granted at the instance of the prosecution which claimed to have examined 148 witnesses so far.

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Justices M. Sathyanarayanan and M. Nirmal Kumar recorded the submission made by Additional Public Prosecutor C. Iyapparaj that the CB-CID had taken up the investigation in the case on February 27 and within five days it had examined a record number of 148 witnesses, including the activist's wife and family members.

Pamphlets circulated

“Apart from examination of witnesses, other procedures such as circulation of pamphlets have been carried out. We have put maximum efforts to trace the whereabouts of the missing person. We may be given two weeks time to report the progress to the court,” the APP said.

The submission was made in response to a public interest litigation petition filed by human rights activist and advocate Henri Tiphagne of People's Watch, a non-governmental organisation based in Madurai.