

Probe into prisoners' stir sought

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Two days after 25 remand prisoners staged an agitation at Madurai Central Prison, a public interest litigation petition filed at the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court on Thursday sought constitution of a fact-finding team to probe the incident.

The petitioner, Aseervatham of Madurai, sought a probe into the incident by a fact-finding team comprising a Chief Judicial Magistrate and two advocate commissioners to find out the reasons for the agitation.

'Treated badly'

Advocate Henri Tiphagne, representing the petitioner, said the prisoners agitated over lack of quality food and water. They were treated badly by the authorities, and sanitary standard at the prison was poor.

However, the State, represented by Additional Advocate General K. Chellapandian, played down the incident and informed the court that out of the 600 inmates lodged at the prison, only 25 were involved in the agitation.

A Division Bench of Justices N. Kirubakaran and S. S. Sundar said that it would pass an elaborate order in the case later.