

Fact Finding Report  
on  
**Paramakudi Dalit Firing**  
In  
Tamilnadu

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## Discoveries from the Fact Finding Team:

A Strong Case for Legal action on all the Police Officers, Revenue Officers, Ministers and Jayalalitha, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

1. To Disturb and destroy Dalits assertion and the anticipated celebration of Immanuel Sekaran's death anniversary, every year the caste hindus have the tradition of murdering someone from dalit community, and this year too the same happened on 09.09.2011 a local +1 student Palanikumar was murdered. If the murder of a young dalit was gruesome and barbaric, it was further shocking to discover that the mob of perpetrators who killed Palanikumar were screaming and yelling saying

" Hey, Pariah's stop here, Are you going to Celebrate Immanuel Sekaran guru Pooja", will see how you will go to the Guru Pooja this year, and then Mob hacked the dalit boy, this murder was aimed to disturb this year's Guru Pooja for Immanuel Sekaran. The Killers outburst and Screams before committing their murder clearly laid a path for the immediate next week's Police killing.

2. The Police officer Mr.Senthilvelan, I.P.S was in charge and lead Police officer of the firing in Paramakudi, but this IPS officer was not the local or district police staff, he was sent from Adayar, Madras. He is a Deputy Superintendent of Adayar Police force. He was once served as Police chief in the Ramanathapuram District. The State government's decision to send this police officer to the Immanuel Sekaran's anniversary is a deliberate and well planned setup by the Tamilnadu govt to create a violent atmosphere and kill the Dalits, again with the purpose in mind to cause disturbance to the dalit assertion against Thevars?. The posting of Senthilvelan is not only confirms the purpose as well as a wide spread talks in Tamil Nadu among Dalits and others that it was part of the Engineering to Kill Dalits.

3. On the Day of the Police firing, it was ascertained that the dalit people with their leaders and representatives will assemble at Immanuel Sekaran's memorial at 3pm, and it was estimated that the crowd will be huge gathering of extraordinary number of people. And it is swelling bigger and bigger in numbers year after year, this means that there will be increased freedom and upward movement of Dalits, it brings Power and it will change Dalit people's attitude when they become united and gather together, the State wants to STOP this huge gathering, the State is afraid of this new assertion and awareness of Dalits. So to stop and to disturb this movement the instrument used by the current ruling state govt is the Police, as there is a general consensus and reality that Tamil Nadu police is so barbaric and atrocious, if a large force of police is brought into this memorial site, Tamil Nadu police is known for not following any standard operating procedures or policies, it is like a Jungle, the police themselves behave like the worst Mob in the world. Piling hundreds of police in a small village, the very site of it will create some fear, but when they start firing randomly without

any respect or remorse to lives, it is the ultimate method to create fear on the day of Immanuel Sekaran's anniversary among the Dalit people (Fear Psychosis), so that they will abandon or stop such grand celebrations in the future, this is the ultimate aim of the Police firing. The Fact finding team came to this conclusion based on interviewing hundreds of local Dalits and people who participated Immanuel Sekaran's memorial day.

4. On the Day of the event, there is no transportation on the roads, there is no Public or private transportation except the Immanuel Sekaran's celebration rally, since the memorial is located right in the heart of Paramakudi, every year, public transport been diverted into alternative roads and routes, this is routinely carried out by the local police every year and every year, the event was known to go superbly without any incident on the roads. The Police only allowed the vehicles and crowd related to the memorial day celebrations, no other vehicles were allowed every year. This is the Real fact, then where is the opportunity for any road block or interruption of public transport, so it is a false information police spreading that people started blocking roads and stopped transports because John Pandian was arrested. There is no transportation allowed during the memorial, where is the question of road block, the police has fabricated a mob story and the news papers all over state and outside started publishing Fake mob story, while there were only about 100 people at the moment of John Pandian's arrest. So, it is totally false information the police is spreading and the Chief Minister started hammering this fake information to the world, that Police fired in defence and to protect public property, a 100% Fake announcement of Jayalalitha.

5. Similarly, the claim that people damaged public properties that is why police fired at them is a lie and fabrication. Freedom fighter Immanuel Sekaran Organization has handed over a DVD to the fact finding team, according to this DVD that recorded the people's movements, rally's and police presence and their positions along the road clearly shows that there were no protests, no violence or no abusive behaviours seen anywhere in Paramakudi until the Police started firing. People were marching peacefully and walking towards to the memorial site, but the police without any warning or announcement, started beating the people with Canes and immediately after canes, the police started firing at people in distance who were sporadically spread on the other side of the roads. There was no warning shots fired, no announcements made by the police before targeted firing on people that killed many and injured many.

6. Prior to any Police firing, there are certain Standard procedures like warning via loud speaker or verbal warning to the crowd, or usage of police cane, or tear gas shelling or water cannon firing, or fake rubber bullet firings, or to disperse the crowd by shooting in the Air, none of this standard Operating procedure was done by the police. Nothing, no warning was adopted and totally ignored by the Tamil Nadu police. This is beyond doubt a terrible, deliberate Killing-spree firing. If a police does not follow even the very basic rule of law, in essence the Police behaved like Mobs and the public behaved like peaceful, innocents, but that did not stop the police to fire and kill the Dalits. The

police bullet was fired in almost all the 7 killing, the bullet marks found above chest, therefore, bullets and marks found on forehead, chest, shoulder of the dead and injured Dalits. Similarly, beating of the people with cane, the beating was brutal and deadly, people got beaten on their heads, shoulder, face and injuries were deadly serious. There were people who have been beaten to Death and after the person was killed by sear brutality, the dead bodies were shot with guns, to make it looks like they have died in the police firing?.



7. The Indian law and order procedure clearly mandates that police must first seek Order from the District Revenue Officer's written permission for such police firing, there was none in Paramakudi firing, nor there was a collectors order, there was none. Neither the Revenue Officer or District Collector were not reported to be present in the spot or anywhere near the incident, it is even questionable, if they were out of town or out of state during this incident. But, the truth is that none of this authorities who has the power to execute order to the police were present?. This fact is quite well known and reported to the press and media, which clearly reported the fact that neither RI or collector was present.

*Policemen use tear gas shells on **agitators** in Paramakidi on Sunday. Photo: PTI" [The Hindu, Sept/12/11](#)*



b) *"Policemen take away an injured person from the scene of violence in Paramakudi on Sunday. Police held negotiations with the agitators, asking them to give up the road roko protest. Even as the negotiations were on, some **miscreants** threw stones and footwear, following which the police resorted to lathicharge and bursting teargas shells. Photo: L. Balachandar" [The Hindu](#), Sept/12/11*



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*"According to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Jayalalithaa, the agitators continued indulging in **violence** even after lathicharge. The police had to resort to firing "in **self-defence** and to protect public property", she added. Photo: L. Balachandar" [The Hindu](#), Sept/12/11*



d) " Police chase protestors in Paramakudi on Sunday. Photo: L. Balachandar" [The Hindu, Sept/12/11](#)



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*"A policeman tries to save himself from a **protestor's ire**. Chief Minister Jayalalithaa has pointed out that a number of police personnel including a Deputy Inspector General of Police were injured as a result of violence by the TMMK cadres. Photo: L. Balachandar" The Hindu, Sept/12/11*



f) *"Police lathicharge protestors in Paramakudi on Sunday. Photo: L. Balachandar" The Hindu, Sept/12/11*



*"An injured protestor is being taken away from the scene of violence in Paramakudi on Sunday. Photo: L. Balachandar" [The Hindu, Sept/12/11](#)*

8. John Pandian, the local political and powerful leader of the Dalits who were preparing to celebrate Immanuel Sekaran memorial day was permitted by the police to visit the memorial and pay respects at 3pm, interestingly enough, the police arrested John Pandian at 10.30 in the morning of that day, is it even conceivable for a police dept to issue a permission and clear a leader to participate memorial day but arrest several hours before the scheduled appearance?.

Not only the police arrested John Pandian, but did not properly inform the people but released erratic news reports saying different things contradicting their own words said in the earlier occasion, causing a total confusion among people if John Pandian is attending or just spending time in Police station?. After creating all this confusing and disturbing atmosphere, the police was not happy further went ahead and started shooting people, following killing of 7 Dalits and injuries to 100s of them, the police later went to the neighbouring villages and arrested 1000s of Dalits on false accusations and fake police charges been filed on 1000 of local Dalits.

9. Those victims of the police firing and police atrocity were common Dalits from different villages, it has been discovered that they had no connections or relations to John Pandian's Party?. This information was given by the injured victims and their relatives, if this is the background reality, where is the question of this people protesting about John Pandian's release, where is the question of violence, they were innocent Dalits going peacefully to the memorial and not John Pandian's Party people. This is the greatest fabrication of the Police.

10. The Porruki Tamil Nadu police did not stop with this killing and abusing Dalits right here in the Paramakudi, even the neighboring districts police repeat similar police firing, even after the whole state was fuming over the firing and killing of Dalits in Paramakudi, the different district Police behaved like terrorists. In Madurai near Chinthamani, Avaniyapuram, police inspector K.Gajendiran opened fire at the dalit people who were going to Pramakudi for the memorial day of Immanuel Sekaran. Gajendiran's action too had the same intention similar to the Parmakudi Police, quite clandestine and deliberate engineering of state sponsored terrorism. The Madurai police firing took place at 12.30 but around 11 ahead of the police firing all the shops were shuttered down and the police forced the locals to shut their shops, this is pretty unusual, and a deliberate part of the police plan. Again, in Madurai police firing too there was no standard police procedures followed, and the police arrested more than 100 people by fake charges and fabricated cases.

11. When the fact finding team examined and queried "some of the victims, in house patients" the police did not show any indication of control or law and order, it was a clear killing spree, murderous police was so vengeful and confirmed from their brutality that they are determined to kill more Dalits. All the in-house patients who are taking treatment for injuries in the police firing confirmed these facts, that the Police did not have any plan to do a law and order job, but were there for one reason, to kill Dalits. Therefore, from all these interviews and investigation of witnesses, it has become clear that this is a premeditated Police atrocity and murder of innocents.

12. It is further important to mention that the Southern Tamil Nadu DIG Rajesh Das, IPS, Madras, Adayar Police Deputy DG Senthilvelan, IPS did not agree to be interviewed and in fact they ignored our fact finding team totally despite our requests to meet and ask them questions about the police excess.

Furthermore, the District Revenue Officer Meera Parameshwari, Paramakudi Collector V.Shivakumar didn't provide any answers to any questions, further confirming the whole gang of T.N officials and police wanted to bury the truth about police firing and get away