

Statement of Kalaingar, M. Karunanidhi, Hon'ble
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 7-8-2008.

During the past few days, there have been newspaper reports in regard to Thiru Veerapandi Arumugam, Thiru N.K.K.P. Raja, Thiru Suresh Rajan and Thiru T.M. Anbarasan, Ministers of Tamil Nadu Government. I have caused enquiries through appropriate official channels into these newspaper reports.

The enquiry has revealed that the report that Thiru T.M. Anbarasan, Labour Minister, is protecting an accused in a murder case by name Kumar, who is wanted by the Police, is false. It is also clearly known that the Minister is in no way preventing the arrest of the accused.

There is no prima facie for the case registered against Thiru Suresh Rajan, Minister for Tourism under SC and ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. I do not rely on this accusation since he has been an ardent follower of Dravidian Movement right from his younger days.

In regard to the case filed in the Court against Thiru Veera pandi Arumugam, Minister for Agriculture, the Police have sent a report to the Court on its direction. After enquiring about this report, it has

become clear that there is no basis for the allegation against Thiru Veera pandi Arumugam.

In respect of the case filed in the High Court against Thiru N.K.K.P. Raja, Minister for Handlooms, that he has abducted one Palanisami, his wife Malarvizhi and their son Sivabalan consequent on a land transaction, the said abducted people have themselves appeared in the Court and Thiru Sivabalan has said that he was not at all abducted by anyone. On Enquiry about the incident, it has come to light that a case has been filed that Sampathkumar, Secretary of ADMK Labour Union and one Sundararajan have attempted to occupy the lands forcibly on the instigation of the Minister. Since there appears to be basis for the above allegation against the Minister, Thiru Raja, is relieved from his Ministerial Responsibilities until the verdict of the Court is known.

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