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An open letter to Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Hon'ble Shri M. K. Stalin

Hon'ble Shri. M.K.Stalin Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu

Subject: Lavanya's Second Murder

Respected Chief Minister Sir,

I am writing this letter to you with the ink of rage boiling in the heart and minds of the students across the length and breadth of the country for the criminal insensitivity showcased by the Tamil Nadu State Government. Your regime has witnessed a meritorious girl being harassed in a very organized manner to abandon her Hindu Dharma. Planned conversion efforts were exposed in the Sacred Heart Higher Secondary School, Thanjavur. The proofs of the active involvement of the missionary teachers and administrators of the school have come in front of all. My deceased sister Lavanya, on her death bed, has herself narrated the stories of harassment and torture she tolerated in the school. **The whole country is calling out loud in unison demanding punishment for the culprits who pushed Lavanya down the cliff of death.** It is very unfortunate to see that your government is siding with the culprits of Lavanya.

The previous Thursday, I visited the family of Lavanya. I met with her parents and younger brothers. The ordeal which they are going through is unimaginably painful. The younger brothers of Lavanya were taken to the police station where Tamil Nadu Police officers were pressurising them to give statements for weakening the case. Would you please tell us which clause of the rule book justifies such an atrocious act done by Police under your administration? Why and for whom did Tamil Nadu police decide to harass the kids of Lavanya's family?

Do you need to tell us whose interests are being secured by the perpetual harassment of Lavanya's family? Shri Muruganandam (Lavanya's father), for the last 25 years, has been a loyal and active worker of the political party headed by you. Even he is not being spared by the Government-run by his party under your leadership. To date, not a single worker of your political party has visited the home of their co-worker Shri Muruganandam, who is the grieving father having lost his child to the missionary agenda of conversion.

Has your government, administration, and political party been captured by the missionary forces? Today, the whole of Tamil Nadu is openly and angrily discussing the tortures which Lavanya went through. People are realizing with a shock how Lavanya could be pushed into the abyss of death for forceful conversion in a democratic country!

Honorable Chief Minister sir, I know that you are fully aware of the series of incidents that kept dragging Lavanya into the abyss of death, therefore I won't spend even a single word in the retelling. I wish to say to you that ensuring justice to Lavanya is primarily your responsibility. You haven't shown any iota of seriousness towards this responsibility. People associated with you and your party have given insensitive statements. The officers in the police administration have left no stone unturned for protecting the culprits of Lavanya. The police administration has moved a few extra miles in trying to trigger a malicious campaign against the family of Lavanya.

On the 31st of January honorable High court of Madras noticed the lackadaisical approach of the Tamil Nadu State Government I need also to mark the lack of intention shown in the investigation process at the state level. Madras High court handed over the investigation of the Lavanya case to The Central Bureau of investigation.

Honorable chief minister, this very decision of Madras High court is a certificate of moral decay in the government working under your leadership. The moral decay is still an understatement because your government has done the unthinkable in challenging the Madras High court decision at the Supreme Court of India. This action of your government has made it clear to one and all that you don't wish to see Lavanya getting justice. You may have your political reasons for denying Lavanya her justice. But remember, Lavanya has once been murdered by the consistent strangulations caused by the missionary forces, now your government and your political party are trying to murder Lavanya for the second time.

Your government has shown no commitment to cooperation with the central agencies in the Lavanya case. National Commission for Protection of Child Rights and the National Commission for Women both were victims of noticeable non-cooperation shown by the Tamilnadu Government.

The land of Tamil Nadu produced great talents you have served the nation in an unparalleled manner. On this great land, the present government is run by you has presided over the planned termination of a very talented young girl. One can be sure that there must be other such talented students, who would be going through similar experiences with predatory conversion forces. The worst part is, these conversion forces are finding your patronage and active support. If today, we go silent and accept one Lavanya's death, tomorrow we will be forced to accept countless Lavanyas.

Instead of working against institutional proselytization, Lavanya's case has been converted into a political issue by your political party. One should not forget that the youth, especially the students are very angry over this incident and they have expressed their thoughts by coming out on the streets all over the country. They are demanding that the harassment of Lavanya's family should stop immediately and the members of the missionary forces involved in this case should be punished at the earliest.

CM Sir, please ensure speedy justice to Lavanya. The anger of the students will remain on the boil till the justice is met to the departed soul of Lavanya.

Yours sincerely,

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