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## THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE AND D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY,J.

(Order of the court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

The contention of learned counsel for the petitioners is that the State may provide horizontal reservation to the transgenders.

2. On the last date, we had asked the State to consider the said aspect.

3. A status report is filed by the Secretary to Government, Social Welfare and Women Empowerment Department.

4. As on date, there is no contemporaneous data regarding the population of the transgenders in the State of Tamil Nadu. Initially, the contemporaneous data will have to be collected by the State so as to provide some reservation to the transgenders. At present, depending upon the community certificate,

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Tribes category. However, that would not result in providing a separate reservation to the transgenders.

5. It is high time the State conducts a survey and collects the contemporaneous data regarding the population of the transgenders. It may also seek the assistance of the Non-Governmental Organizations working at the grass-root level for the benefit of the transgenders. The said process needs to be expedited. The State may take immediate steps in that regard.

6. The State may also consider providing gender neutral toilets at public places for transgenders.

7. Learned Advocate General submits that the said exercise would be undertaken immediately.

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List on 17.4.2024, so as to know the further progress made WEBCOPY in the matter.

> (S.V.G., CJ.) (D.B.C., J.) 04.03.2024

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