

Part III : Is this case of suicide of the said Nagarajan to be investigated further - Definitely YES:

The sequence of events as they unfurled in Natham village of Dharmapuri district require careful attention by the investigation authorities. After the 'katta panchayat' of the 4th November, it was on the 7th – the date of the riot – that the next collective search for the boy and the girl took place. Around 12 noon that day a team of persons comprising the relatives of the girl Divya along with elders from the village, including her mother but not including the father along with representatives of the dalits from Natham village venture together as one team from the village to Dharmapuri to meet the father of Ilavarasan. They meet him there and try to secure the girl. The father refuses to part with any information and state that they are in the custody of the police. After a long conversation they engage a vehicle from there and proceeded on the national highway to Salem to the village where they were 'safely being kept' past Thoppur after the ghat road. It was stated that the vehicle stopped in Thoppur and that they had to walk two kilometers to reach the said village. The mother and the daughter met each other in the presence of all who accompanied them and all efforts of the mother to convince her to come back fail. In the conversation that the team that accompanied were privy to, Divya also made it public that her parents were aware of this relationship for more than a year. One of the elders from the girl's family then replied back to Divya that he would come back the following day with a document for her to sign that she has nothing to do with the family and that all relationship between them had broken down. The vehicle brings them to Dharmapuri where Divya's mother phones her husband at about 3.30 PM or so and it is he who picked up the phone [Nagaraj who is alleged to have committed suicide thereafter] and asks him to come to the Naikenkottai Pirivu on his bike to pick her up. Since there is a police picket already there she must have crossed the police picket to reach her house. The time when they arrived there was 4.15 PM and the dalit representatives came back home and were just having their lunch when the news that Nagaraj had committed suicide arrived and minutes later his body was seen by the members of the Dalit village being carried crossing their village to the main road where by that time there were over 300 policemen with three DSPs protecting the entrance to the Natham village.

Questions that arise from these events that have been unfurled are the following:

1. In a village that is so tense and there has also been an open 'katta panchayat' meeting on the 4th which also resulted in an open threat to the dalit members that they would have to face consequences if they did not yield to the demand of Divya being handed over, how is it that this collective team comprising Vanniars and Dalits had been able to travel from Natham to Dharmapuri and then in a private vehicle to Thoppur, get down walk almost 2 kilometers to the village to meet the ' young couple' – all without any of the Tamilnadu Police's intelligence knowing ? Not even the Special Brach CID, the Q Branch, Special Division CID, Security Branch CID, the Special Intelligence Team???
2. If it was a case of suicide as being claimed publicly so far how was it that the body of the deceased Nagaraj was allowed to be removed from the place of occurrence? What it deliberately done to destroy all evidence? What is the result of this investigation so far?
3. How is it that there was also a complaint immediately preferred as regards this 'death due to suicide' against some individuals to the local police station within such a short span of time and this being immediately followed by a private complaint being submitted in the local Judicial Magistrate's Court the following day and a court order for investigation being made to the police to investigate the same?
4. There is sufficient 'evidence' available to prove that Thiru Nagaraj spoke to a 'witness' a few minutes before his alleged suicide, asking for a loan since he required money to meet the expenses related to the issue of his daughter Divya. How is it that this 'witness' calls back on his mobile a few minutes later to assure him of the money being ready for him and is told that he had committed suicide ?.

What immediate action did the jurisdictional officers and senior police officers in place at the entrance of the Natham village do when they knew that the body was being brought to the main road and traffic was blocked with the body? Did they do what law expects them to do in such cases of a suspicious death?