

# Why no action on cops: HC

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The Madras high court on Friday questioned the Tamil Nadu government on why no action was taken on the police personnel named by the Justice Aruna Jagadeesan commission report which investigated the shooting and killing of protesters against the Sterlite project in Tuticorin.

A division bench comprising Justice Nisha Banu and Justice N. Mala raised this question while hearing a petition by human rights activist Henri Tiphagne, who sought a direction to re-investigate the case in which 13 anti-Sterlite protesters were killed by the police.

The petitioner said the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) which investigated the case suo motu closed

the investigation without recording his contentions, within five months after the shootout took place. He asked what was the hurry to close the investigation.

Henri Tiphagne also said the state government had partly implemented the recommendations of Justice Aruna Jagadeesan committee but did not initiate action on 17 police personnel named in the report.

The state government counsel said no report from the NHRC was received by the government and added ₹ 20 lakh was given to the families of the victims of police firing. The court asked the state to answer why it had not taken action against the police officers and posted the matter for hearing on November 17.