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'Officials responsible for Thoothukudi firing shall be prosecuted for murder'

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Chennai: Officials responsible for firing on Thoothukudi anti-Sterlite protesters in 2018 shall be prosecuted for murder, remarked Madras HC's division bench comprising of Justices S S Sundar and N Senthilkumar, when the petition, filed by executive director of People's Watch Henri Tiphagne, seeking orders to the NHRC to reopen the probe into the firing, came up for hearing on Monday.

The bench asked who were the officials who issued the orders for firing on the people and who else were responsible for the loss of lives. The remarks were made after the counsel for DSP Lingathirumaran, one of the police officers impleaded in the case, submitted that the NHRC is not empowered to reopen the case once it closes.

Tamil Nadu State Human Rights Commission and Justice Aruna Jagadeesan commission have also inquired the same issue, the counsel pointed out. The counsel for the CBI contended that the petitioner has no locus standi and the special court for CBI has been hearing the matter and an additional charge sheet was filed before the special court. The bench adjourned the matter to July 15, 2024.

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