



## **Tuticorin police firing was predetermined at behest of an industrialist: Madras High court**

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CHENNAI: "We believe that the 2018 police firing on anti-Sterlite protesters in which 13 persons were killed was a predetermined act carried out at the behest of an industrialist," the Madras high court said on Monday.

A division bench of Justice SS Sundar and Justice N Senthil Kumar directed the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) to investigate the assets of all the officers, including IPS and IAS officers, who were posted in Tuticorin at the relevant point of time.

"All these things happened because one particular industrialist wanted it to happen. He wanted to teach the protesters a lesson and the authorities facilitated it," the bench said.

The court passed the orders on a plea moved by activist Henri Tiphagne seeking to reopen the probe closed by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) into the incident.

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