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# Quota not followed for powerful postings: Thirumavalavan

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Madurai: Reservation system is followed only for third and fourth grade jobs, while the same is not followed for powerful postings, VCK leader Thol Thirumavalavan has said.

Speaking at a protest organised by the advocates in front of the Madurai district court campus on Monday, demanding equal representation in appointment of judges to high courts, Thirumavalavan said that for powerful postings such as professors, vice-chancellors, directors in higher education institutions no reservation is followed. Reservation is also not being followed in promotions. There is no explanation given by anyone as to why reservations are not followed for powerful positions.

He said that reservation is not followed in appointment of judges to high courts. "It has been a long time demand to follow social justice in appointment of judges in high court. There is also a need to follow social justice in appointments of judges to the Supreme Court. Even after 75 years of independence, 90% of the posts is occupied by a particular community in the Supreme Court. This shows that the Constitution is not followed and only 'manusmriti' is being followed. The collegium system is tightly packed to ensure that no one could interfere with the appointment of judges," said Thirumavalavan.

Addressing reporters later, Thirumavalavan said that parties which believe in democracy have decided to conduct a rally and public meeting for religious harmony but the city police and corporation have denied permission.

He ruled out any dissent in the DMK coalition and affirmed that VCK is very much inside the coalition within which they raise their concerns. "VCK is part of DMK coalition and it has played a role in bringing the likeminded parties into it.

On three-language policy, he said that VCK's stand is that it should not be imposed on any state in the country.