

PMK leader Dr S Ramadoss goes hard at Supreme Court

Adding a new twist to the media and political uproar over the Supreme Court's observations vis-a-vis Tamilnadu bandh, PMK founder leader Dr S Ramadoss today went several steps ahead of others and averred that it was not in the interest of democracy if court made laws became permanent and if it kept increasing.

Addressing mediapersons here at his Thailapuram Garden residence, Ramadoss distinguished between laws made by the State legislatures, Parliament and Judge-made laws.

Hitting hard at the very bottom of the well established Indian law making practices and customs, the PMK supremo opined that 'it was not in the interest of democracy if court made laws kept increasing and if it became a permanent laws.'

Ramadoss said that when legislatures made statutes it underwent several stages. Representatives of people debate on it and lacunae if any were removed before the draft bill becomes law unlike in the case of courts where individual lawyers fight the case on the merits of their clients. 'Public good will be very little in cases initiated by private parties,' he said and added that if rulings based on the petitions filed with little or no public interest, becomes laws in the course of time it will be not in the interest of democracy.

Arguing that agitating and fighting for people's development and for the rights of the toiling masses was a right bestowed by democracy, he said and added that the Kerala High Court had ruled bandh as illegal on a particular case based on specific background. The Supreme Court also upheld it. Now it had become a permanent law. This led to a situation wherein a bandh for Sethu project became impossible.

Replying to a question related to capitation fee, he wondered as to what happened to the cases initiated by the Tamilnadu government against erring professional colleges. He demanded that the government should come out with all the details related to the issue, like the committees appointed for the purpose, the complaints received, action taken and the current status.