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W.P.No.1216 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

WP No. 1216 of 2026

1. Rajendran
S/o. Subramaniam, 12C/2,
Kamarajan Street, Anthiyur Taluk,
Erode District.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
Office of District Collector, Erode.
And 3 others

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): Mr. R.Nalliyappan

For Respondent(s): Mr. E.Vijay Anand
Addl. Govt. Pleader
For RR 1 to 4.



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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

We find that many petitions are being filed before this Court raising an issue of illegal and unauthorised dumping of garbage in open spaces, road sides and other prohibited areas, obviously, as the solid waste treatment mechanism has not been developed at the local level. This is causing huge health and environmental hazards for the residents of the area concerned.

2. It has now, therefore, become necessary for this Court to issue appropriate directions for development of appropriate mechanism for treatment of solid waste in accordance with the provisions of Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 framed under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

3. We *suo motu* implead the State of Tamil Nadu, through the Principal Secretary to Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009 and the State of Tamil Nadu, through the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009, as respondent Nos.5 and 6 in this petition.



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4. The newly added respondents 5 and 6 shall collect necessary information and file a detailed affidavit before this Court stating the following information:

- a) Whether mechanism has been established in all the Corporations, Municipalities and Panchayats of the State for treatment of Solid Wastes.
- b) List of those Corporations, Municipalities and Panchayats where so far, waste treatment plant has not been established.

5. Mr.E.Vijay Anand, learned Additional Government Pleader, takes notice for all the respondents including the newly added respondents. Two additional sets of the petition and documents shall be supplied to learned State counsel by tomorrow.

List on 23.02.2026.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)
22.01.2026

Note: Registry to carry out amendment
in the cause-title as per para 3 of this order.
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and
G.Arul Murugan, J.

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