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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03.04.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

**W.P. No. 15120 of 2019, 11049 of 2023, 6315 and 6864 of 2024,
WP(MD).No.10348 of 2024
and WMP.No.24121 of 2019**

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G.Subramania Koushik

S/o.R.Gopal Iyer, No.47, Vijaya Nagar

Place Road, Near Rose Garden, Ooty,

The Nilgiris District 643001.

Petitioner(s)

Versus

1. The Principal Secretary
to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment and Forest Department,
Secretariat, Fort St.George, chennai 600
009.

2.The District Collector,
The Nilgiris District, Collectorate,
Ooty 643001.

3.The Commissioner,
Udhagamandalam Municipality, Ooty,
The Nilgiris District.



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4.The Commissioner,
Coonoor Municipality, Coonoor,
The Nilgiris District.

5.The Commissioner,
Gudalur Municipality, Gudalur, The
Nilgiris District.

6.The Commissioner,
Kotagiri Town Panchayath, Kotagiri,
The Nilgiris District.

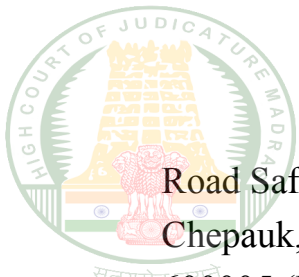
7.The Field Director,
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, Mount
Stuart Hill, Ooty, The Nilgiris.

8.The District Forest Officer,
The Nilgiris District, Mount Stuart Hill,
Ooty -643001.

9.The Commissioner,
Kodaikanal Municipality, Kodaikanal,
Dindigul District. (R9 SUO MOTU
IMPLEADED VIDE ORDER DT
12.02.2021 MADE IN WP.15120/2019
BY NSKJ)

10.The Principal Secretary To
Government,
Transports Department, Secretariat,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600009.

11.The Transport Commissioner,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Commissionerate of Transport and



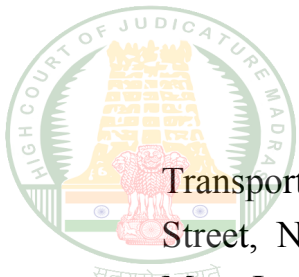
Road Safety, Ezhilagam, PWD Estate,
Chepauk, Triplicane, Chennai -
600005.(R10 AND R11 ARE SUO
MOTU IMPEADED AS PER
ORDER DATED 24.11.2022 IN
WP.15120/2019 BY NSKJ AND DBCJ)

12.Shantha Thiagarajan,
Late Shri.D.Thiagarajan, No.201-B,
THIAGS Missionary Hill,
Udhagamandalam, The Nilgiris
643002. (R12 IMPEADED VIDE
ORDER DT 16.03.2023 MADE IN
WMP.8577/2023 IN WP.15120/2019
BY NSKJ, DBCJ)

13.The Principal Secretary,
Department Of Municipal
Administration, Urban And Water
Supply, Government Of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai.600 009.

14.The Additional Chief Secretary,
Department Of Tourism, Culture And
Religious Endowments Department,
Government Of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai.600 009.(r13 And R14 Are Suo
Motu Impleaded As Per Order Dated
19.03.2024 In Wp.15120/2019 By Nskj
And Dbcj)

15.The Secretary To The Ministry Of
Road Transport And Highways,



Transport Bhawan, No.1, Parliament
Street, New Delhi.110 001. (r15- Suo
Motu Impleaded As Per Order Dated
04.11.2024 In Wp.15120/2019 By Nskj
And Dbcj)

Respondent(s)

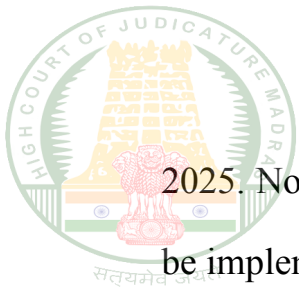
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ORDER

Buy-Back scheme

Status report has been filed today, wherein, it is stated that in the earlier
status report, TASMAC plans to implement the Buy-Back scheme by April



2025. Now, it is stated that tender has been finalised and Buy-Back scheme will be implemented in the entire State by 31st August 2025.

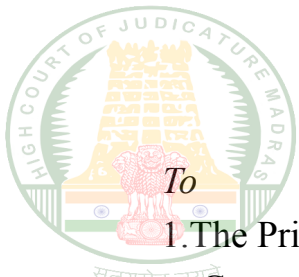
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2. Post on 04.06.2025. In the meanwhile, before the next hearing date of hearing, TASMAC is directed to implement the Buy-Back scheme in some districts and report before this Court. Similarly, computerisation as ordered by this Court shall also be completed.

(N.S.K., J.) (D.B.C., J.)
03.04.2025

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Note: Registry is directed to print separate cause-title for the rest of the writ petitions and issue order copies.



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