



W.P.No.15120 of 2019 & W.M.P.No.15112 of 2019

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27..06..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
&
W.M.P.No.8422 of 2024, W.M.P.No.15112 of 2019,
W.M.P.No.14765 of 2025, W.M.P.No.16969 of 2025 in W.P.No.15120 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) in both W.P.No.15120 of 2019 and
W.M.P.No.15112 of 2019

Vs

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.

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

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 District.

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

9.The Commissioner,
Kodaikanal Municipality, Kodaikanal, Dindigul District. (R9
SUO MOTU IMPEADED 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,



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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 per Order dated 19.03.2024 in W.P.No.15120/2019 by NSKJ & DBCJ)

15. The Secretary To The Ministry Of
Road Transport And Highways, Transport Bhawan,
No.1, Parliament Street,



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New Delhi.110 001. (R15- Suo Motu impleaded as per Order dated 04.11.2024 in W.P.No.15120/2019 by NSKJ & DBCJ)

16.Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
Rep. by its Chairman,
No.76, Mount Salai, Guindy,
Chennai 600032.

[R.16 impleaded suo motu as per the order of this court dated 27.06.2025 made in W.P.No.15120 of 2019 and W.M.P.No.15112 of 2019]

..... Respondents in both W.P.No.15120 of 2019
and W.M.P.No.15112 of 2019)

For Petitioner : Mr.T.V.Suresh Kumar
M/s Genicon & Associates
For Respondent(s): Dr.T.Seenivasan
Spl. Government Pleader for
RR1,2,7, 8, 10, 11, 13 and 14
Mrs.A.Sri Jeyanthi for R4
Mr.R.Srinivas, Senior Counsel
for Mr.K.Madhan for R12
Mr.V.Chandrasekaran, SPC
for R15
Mr.B.N.Suchindran,
Standing Counsel for TNPCB for
R16
M/s.T.Mohan, Senior Counsel
and Mr.M.Santhanaraman
Amici Curiae

Mr.C.Mohan, Amicus Curiae
Mr.Rahul Balaji, Amicus Curiae



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ORDER

(A) CARRYING CAPACITY / E-PASS

(W.M.P.No.8422 of 2024 in W.P.No.15120 of 2019)

Pursuant to the order of this Court dated 20.06.2025, the *Amici Curiae* have filed their response, suggesting various methods for consideration by the panel of experts appointed by the Government of Tamil Nadu to assess the carrying capacity. The *Amici Curiae* have also placed on record copies of the relevant research papers for the perusal of this Court.

2. Dr. T. Seenivasan, the learned Special Government Pleader, is directed to serve a copy of the response filed by the *Amici Curiae* before this Court today, along with the research papers enclosed with the said response, to the panel of experts.



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3. Dr. T. Seenivasan is also requested to ensure that a meeting is tentatively arranged with the experts on 04.07.2025 at the High Court premises to discuss the progress on the issue of carrying capacity.

Call on 04.07.2025.

(B) BED AND BREAKFAST

(W.M.P.No.14765 of 2025)

The learned Special Government Pleader seeks time to obtain further instructions. List the matter on 04.07.2025.

(C) IMPEADING PETITION BY HOTEL ASSOCIATION

(W.M.P.No.16969 of 2025)

The learned Special Government Pleader seeks time to obtain further instructions. List the matter on 04.07.2025.

(D) BAN ON SINGLE USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS/PET BOTTLES

(W.M.P.No.15112 of 2019 in W.P.No.15120 of 2019 & W.P.No.15120 of 2019)



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Considering the importance of the issue and the crucial role played by the Pollution Control Board in managing plastic waste, as well as its responsibility for enforcing the Plastic Waste Management Rules, this Court, *suo motu*, impleads '**Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, represented by its Chairman, No.76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai – 600032**' as a party respondent. The Pollution Control Board (TNPCB), represented by its Chairman, is directed to be arrayed as the 16th respondent in the writ petition in W.P.No.15120 of 2019 as well as in miscellaneous petition in W.M.P.No.15112 of 2019.

2. The Registry is directed to print the name of Mr. B.N. Suchindran, learned Standing Counsel for the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, in the cause list when the matter is listed next.

3. Dr. T. Seenivasan, the learned Special Government Pleader, submitted that no steps have been taken thus far to comply with the detailed directions issued by this Court by order dated 08.04.2025 in W.M.P. No.15112 of 2019 in W.P. No.15120 of 2019. However, he submitted that the Government of Tamil Nadu is in the process of convening a preliminary meeting with stakeholders



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from all relevant departments. Upon conclusion of the said meeting, a status report will be filed before this Court, outlining the proposed course of action in respect of each direction issued, along with the time-line required for compliance. The said submission is recorded.

4. It is made clear that certain directions, such as issuance of notifications, may be considered and acted upon forthwith by the respective departments. In cases where inter-departmental coordination is required or additional time is necessary, a detailed status report shall be filed on or before the next date of hearing.

5. Post on 18.07.2025.

6. In the meanwhile, the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board may also file a status report indicating the steps taken towards implementation of this Court's order dated 08.04.2025, and outlining the further measures proposed to be undertaken for effective compliance with the directions of this Court through its own administrative machinery.

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



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Note: The Registry is directed to carryout necessary amendment(s) in both W.P.No.15120 of 2019 as well as W.M.P.No.15112 of 2019.

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Religious Endowments Department,
Government Of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat,
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14.The Secretary To The Ministry Of
Road Transport And Highways, Transport
Bhawan, No.1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi.110 001.

15.The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
No.76, Mount Salai, Guindy,
Chennai 600032.

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