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W.P.No.15120 of 2019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 06.03.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

[Through Video Conferencing]

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and

W.M.P.No.15112 of 2019,

W.M.P.No.8422 of 2024

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G.Subramania Koushik

... Petitioner (s)

Vs.

1. The Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment and Forest Department,
Secretariat,
Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009 and 31 others

... Respondent(s)

W.M.P.No.15112 of 2019

G.Subramania Koushik

... Petitioner (s)

Vs

- 1.The Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment and Forest Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai 600 009 and 30 others

... Respondent(s)



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... Petitioner (s)

Vs

1.The Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment and Forest Department,
Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai 600 009 and 15 others

... Respondent(s)

W.M.P.No.14765 of 2025

G.Subramania Koushik

... Petitioner (s)

Vs

1.The Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Environment and Forest Department,
Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai 600 009 and 15 others

... Respondent(s)

W.M.P.No.16969 of 2025

The Tamil Nadu Hotel Association
Represented by its Secretary Mr.R.Srinivasan,
4th Floor, Montieth Mansion, 27 Montieth Road,
Egmore, Chennai – 600 008.

... Petitioner (s)

Vs

1.G.Subramania Koushik and 15 others

... Respondent(s)

W.M.P.No.37106 of 2025

M/s.Nilgiri Homestay and Bed and Breakfast Association,
Represented by its Secretary Mr.Mugunthan Ganapathy,



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Mayston, 124 Grays Hills, Coonoor,
The Nilgiris – 643 101.

... Petitioner (s)

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Vs

1.G.Subramania Koushik and 16 others

... Respondent(s)

For Petitioner :

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M/s Genicon & Associates;
Mr.N.L.Rajah, Senior Counsel
for Mr.K.R.Arun Shabari in W.M.P.No.37106 of 2025

For Respondent(s):

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Mr.R.Srinivas,
Senior Counsel for Mr.K.Madhan for R12
Mr.V.Chandrasekaran, Senior Panel Counsel
for RR15, 28, 29, 32
Mr.B.N.Suchindran,
Standing Counsel for TNPCB for R16
Mr.Madhan Babu for R17
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Mr.N.Surya Senthil for R19
Mr.G.Prabhu for R21
Mr.R.Sathish Kumar for R22
Ms.Vanitha Bharghava for R23
Mr.Thriyambak J. Kannan for R24
Mr.Vinod Kumar for M/s.J.Sagav Associates for R25
Mr.Arun C.Mohan for R26
Mr.John Arokiadass for R27
R31 - Mr.S.Muralidharan (P-I-P)



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Mr.P.T.Ramkumar, Standing Counsel for Railways

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Amici Curiae

1. Mr.C.Mohan, Advocate
2. Mr.T.Mohan, Senior Advocate
3. Mr.M.Santhanaraman, Advocate
4. Mr.Rahul Balaji, Advocate

ORDER

Single Use Plastic Products / Packaging Materials:-

This matter is taken up by this Court as, in the previous meeting conducted with the stakeholders, the expected outcome was not achieved. However, the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the stakeholders would submit that certain subsequent research is presently underway and that, if one more meeting is conducted, some positive outcome may emerge.

2. In view thereof, this matter is adjourned to **27.03.2026**. In the meanwhile, the Pollution Control Board may conduct a meeting with the stakeholders, including the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the local bodies, and other concerned stakeholders, and attempt to arrive at ways and means by which any special project can be implemented for the Nilgiris Biosphere.



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3. Call on **27.03.2026**.

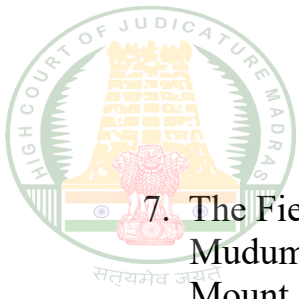
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To

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 – 643 001.
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.



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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 – 643 001.

9. The Commissioner,
Kodaikanal Municipality,
Kodaikanal,
Dindigul District.

10. The Principal Secretary to Government,
Transports Department,
Secretariat,
Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.

11. The Transport Commissioner,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Commissionerate of Transport and Road Safety,
Ezhilagam, PWD Estate,
Chepauk, Triplicane, Chennai – 600 005.

12. The Principal Secretary,
Department of Municipal Administration,
Urban and Water Supply, Government of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.

13. The Additional Chief Secretary,
Department of Tourism,
Culture and Religious Endowments Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat,
Fort St. George, Chennai – 600 009.

14. The Secretary to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways,
Transport Bhawan, No.1, Parliament Street, New Delhi – 110 001.



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15. The Chairman,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
No.76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.

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16. The Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers
Federation Limited, (AAVIN),
AAVIN ILLAM, TCMPF Ltd.,
3A, Pasumpon Muthuramalingar Salai,
Nandanam, Chennai – 600 035.

17. The Secretary to Government,
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,
Government of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi – 110 003.

18. The Secretary to Government,
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Government of India,
Indira Paryavaran
Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.

19. The Secretary to Government,
Health and Family Welfare Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.

20. The Chairperson,
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
3rd and 4th Floor, FDA Bhawan,
Kotla Road near Bal Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110 002.



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