



W.P.No.15120 of 2019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED : 17.07.2026**

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CORAM :

**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR**

**AND**

**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY**

**W.P.No.15120 of 2019**

**and**

**W.M.P.No.14765 of 2025, W.M.P.No.16969 of 2025, W.M.P.No.37106 of 2025,**

**W.P.No.44977 of 2025,**

**W.M.P.No.17564 of 2026**

**W.P.No.15120 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 33 others

... Respondent(s)

*[R34 impleaded vide this order dated 17.07.2026  
in W.M.P.No.17564 in W.P.No.15120 of 2019]*

**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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**W.M.P.No.14765 of 2025**

G.Subramania Koushik

... Petitioner (s)

Vs

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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,  
4<sup>th</sup> 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,  
Mayston, 124 Grays Hills, Coonoor,  
The Nilgiris – 643 101.

... Petitioner (s)

Vs

1.G.Subramania Koushik and 16 others

... Respondent(s)

**W.P.No.44977 of 2025**

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... Petitioner (s)



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Vs

1.The District Collector,  
The Nilgiris District,  
Collectorate, Ooty – 643 001 and 4 others

... Respondent(s)

**W.M.P.No.17564 of 2026**

Aakash Rooms and Cottages,  
Represented by its Managing Partner Dr.Chitra Vijayaraj  
No.167A, Hadfiled Road, Hill Bunk,  
Ooty 643 001.

... Petitioner (s)

Vs

1.G.Subramania Koushik and 32 others

... Respondent(s)

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For Petitioner : Mr.T.V.Suresh Kumar  
M/s. Genicon & Associates;  
Mr.V.Ramesh  
for Mr.R.Ashwanth in W.M.P.No.17564 of 2026

For Respondent(s): Mr.P.V.Balasubramaniam,  
Additional Advocate General,  
assisted by Mr.K.Surendar,  
Government Pleader and  
Mr.G.Abraham Prabhu, Government Counsel  
for RR1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 30  
Mrs.A.Sri Jeyanthi for R4  
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.R.S.Diwaagar, M/s.Vivrti Law for R18 and R20

Mr.G.Kalyan Jhabakh  
for M/s.Surana and Surana 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.S.Arunkumar for R27

R31 - Mr.S.Muralidharan (P-I-P)

Mr.Arun Karthik Mohan for R33

Mr.V.Ramesh  
for Mr.R.Ashwanth for R34

Mr.K.Sathishkumar,  
Standing Counsel for TASMAC

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

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For Petitioner : Mr.N.L.Rajah  
Senior Counsel  
for Mr.K.R.Arun Shabari

For Respondent(s): Mr.P.V.Balasubramaniam,  
Additional Advocate General,  
assisted by Mr.K.Surendar,  
Government Pleader and  
Mr.G.Abraham Prabhu, Government Counsel  
for RR1, 2 & 4  
Mr.K.S.Punithan,  
Standing Counsel for R5 (TTDC)



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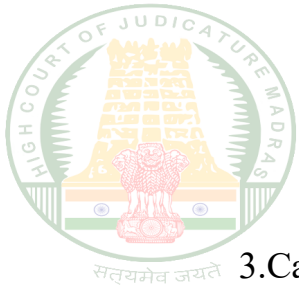
1. Mr.C.Mohan, Advocate
2. Mr.T.Mohan, Senior Advocate
3. Mr.M.Santhanaraman, Advocate
4. Mr.Rahul Balaji, Advocate

**ORDER**

**Bed and Breakfast :**

With reference to bed and breakfast, the learned Additional Advocate General would submit that the Committee will continue the inspection and a detailed status report with reference to the directions earlier given will be filed.

2.Mr.N.L.Rajah, learned Senior Counsel, would also bring to the notice of this Court that, except receiving a communication relating to Pledge on behalf of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, they did not receive any renewal certificates or no final orders are being passed. A copy of the said Pledge that is received is also served on the learned Additional Advocate General. It appears to be part of a campaign and does not in any manner relate to the renewal or grant of licence. Therefore, let the Committee, as per the earlier directions, go into the same and orders in accordance with law can be passed and a status report with reference to all these units be filed. They shall also come out with the nature of action taken against the illegal operators.



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3.Call on 21.08.2026.

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**W.M.P.No.17564 of 2026 :**

4.W.M.P.No.17564 of 2026 has been filed to implead M/s.Aakash Rooms and Cottages as a respondent in the above writ petition in W.P.No.15120 of 2019.

5.According to the petitioner, they have filed a representation against the lock and seal of their homestay at Ooty. Since the issue relates to homestays, we of are the view that the petitioner also has interest in the matter.

6.Therefore, the impleading petition in **W.M.P.No.17564 of 2026** is **allowed**. Registry is directed to carry out the necessary amendment in the cause title.

**Removal of Prosopis Juliflora :**

7.With reference to removal of *prosopis juliflora*, even though the matter is not listed today, by mentioning, it is brought to our notice that, with reference to some of the Districts, Nodal Officer is yet to be appointed and work has not been kick started yet. Therefore, let the Government instruct all the District Collectors to forthwith identify the Nodal Officers, and work with reference to each of the



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Districts should be started. It is also brought to our notice that there is huge infestation in Forest College, Bharatiyar University and Law College. Expedite steps shall be taken to remove infestation of *prosopis juliflora* in those areas also.

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[N.S.K.J.,] [D.B.C.J.,]  
17.07.2026

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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.



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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 – 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.



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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.
15. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,  
Represented by its Chairman,  
No.76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.
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)  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, FDA Bhawan,  
Kotla Road near Bal Bhawan,  
New Delhi – 110 002.



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