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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 29..01..2025

CORAM :

**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR
AND
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY**

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& W.M.P.Nos.13292, 13294, 35572, 36994 and 37000 of 2024

In W.P.No.27356 of 2019 :-

S.MURALIDHARAN

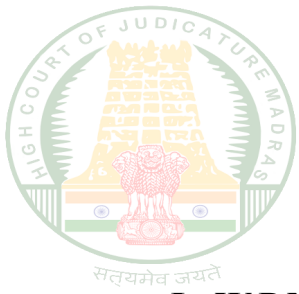
S/O.MR.P.SIVALINGAM, 2A, 3RD MAIN ROAD,
KOTTUR GARDENS, CHENNAI-600 085.

.. Petitioner

Versus

PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
AND CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN,
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS,
GOVT. OF TAMIL NADU,
NO.1 JEENIS ROAD, PANAGAL BUILDINGS,
SAIDAPET, CHENNAI-600 015 AND 65 OTHERS

.. Respondents



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In W.P.No.28266 of 2022 :-

DR.R.KARPAGAM

W/O. S. RAMALINGAM, 80/44,ANSARI STREET,
RAMNAGAR,COIMBATORE.

.. Petitioner

Versus

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINING,
COIMBATORE DISTRICT,
COIMBATORE COLLECTORATE,
COIMBATORE - 641018. AND 3 OTHERS

.. Respondents

Prayer in W.P.No.27356 of 2019 :- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent to secure the 16 elephant corridors in the state of Tamil Nadu with the support of the other respondents.

(Prayer amended vide order, dated 16.09.2022 made in W.M.P.No.23966 of 2022 in W.P.No.27356 of 2019)

Prayer in W.P.No.28266 of 2022 :- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, pleased to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing all the



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respondents herein to shut down the illegal brick kilns operating in Coimbatore District.

In W.P.No.27356 of 2019:-

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Muralidharan,
Party-in-person

For Respondents : Mr.J.Ravindran, Additional Advocate General
Assisted by Dr.T.Seenivasan,
Special Government Pleader (Forest),
for RR-1, 3 to 5

: R2 deleted vide order, dated 09.01.2021
made in W.M.P.No.4685 of 2021 in
W.P.No.27356 of 2019

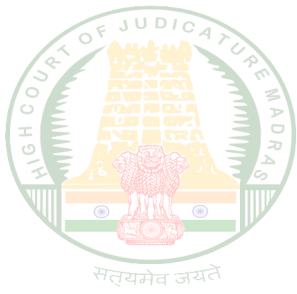
: Mr.V.Gunasekar, Standing Counsel for R4

: Mr.V.Chandrasekaran, Senior Panel Counsel,
for R6

: Mr.S.P.Chockalingam, for R7

: Mr.L.Jaivenkatesh, Standing Counsel for R8

: Mr.Richardson Wilson, for RR- 9 to 11, 16 to
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: RR - 12 to 15 - No Appearance

: Mr.N.Muralikumaran, Senior Counsel,
for M/s.MCGAN Law Firm, for RR- 46 to 49

: Mr.L.Palanimuthu, for RR - 50 to 64

: Mr.M.Purushothaman, for RR- 65 and 66

In W.P.No.28266 of 2022:-

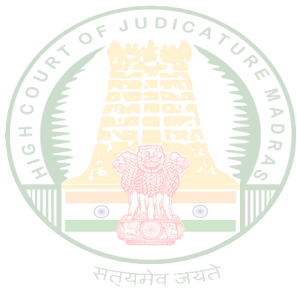
For Petitioner : Mr.S.P.Chockalingam

For Respondents : Mr.J.Ravindran,
Additional Advocate General,
Assisted by Dr.T.Seenivasan,
Special Government Pleader for RR - 1 and 4

: Mr.V.Gunasekar, Standing Counsel,
for RR - 2 and 3

Amici Curiae

1. Mr.C.Mohan, learned Counsel
2. Mr.T.Mohan, learned Senior Counsel
3. Mr.M.Santhanaraman, learned Counsel



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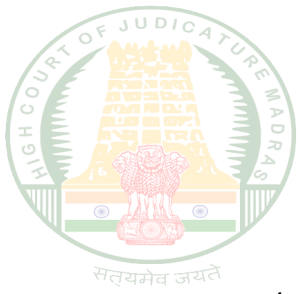
COMMON ORDER

(Order made by the Hon'ble Mr.Justice D.Bharatha Chakravarthy)

These matters are taken up today, at the instance of Dr.T.Seenivasan, learned Special Government Pleader (Forest) under the caption “For Being Mentioned”.

2. This court, by order dated 10.01.2025, constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) consisting of two Police Officers. Of the same, one of the officers (Tr.G.Shashank Sai, I.P.S., Superintendent of Police, Organized Crime Intelligence Unit, Chennai) has filed an affidavit today before us expressing his inability to be a part of the SIT.

3. In view thereof, the order of this court dated 10.01.2025, is modified to the effect that the SIT shall be headed by Tmt.G.Nagajothi, I.P.S., Superintendent of Police, State Crime Records Bureau, Chennai and the police officer in-charge shall take charge and continue the investigation.



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4. It is needless to mention that Tmt.G.Nagjothi, I.P.S., will be given a team of subordinate officers as requested by her which we have already indicated in our earlier order dated 10.01.2025.

5. The SIT shall commence its investigation without any further loss of time.

6. This order shall be read as part and parcel of the order passed by us on 10.01.2025.

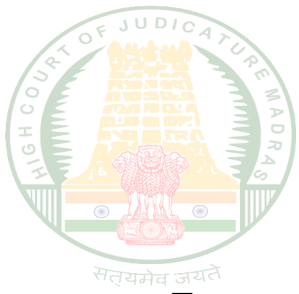
7. The Registry is directed to list the matters on 27.02.2025, as we directed earlier by order dated 10.01.2025, for filing status report by the respective authorities.

(N.S.K., J.)

(D.B.C., J.)

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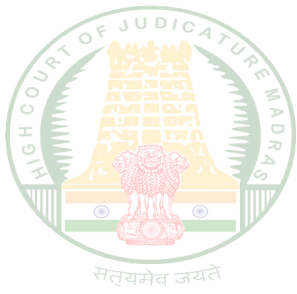
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SAIDAPET, CHENNAI-600 015.
2. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINING,
COIMBATORE DISTRICT,
COIMBATORE COLLECTORATE,
COIMBATORE – 641018.
3. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, CHENNAI.
4. TMT.G.NAGAJOTHI, I.P.S., SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
STATE CRIME RECORDS BUREAU, CHENNAI.
5. THIRU.G.SHASHANK SAI, I.P.S., SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
ORGANISED CRIME INTELLIGENCE UNIT, CHENNAI.
6. THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT OF MADRAS.
7. THE SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER (FOREST), HIGH COURT OF
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