



W.P.Nos.27356 of 2019 and 28266 of 2022

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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS**

DATED : 27..02..2025

CORAM :

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

W.P.Nos.27356 of 2019 and 28266 of 2022  
& W.M.P.Nos.13292, 13294, 35572, 36994 and 37000 of 2024  
and  
W.M.P.Nos.42082, 42113, 42114, 42115 & 42116 of 2024

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

S.MURALIDHARAN

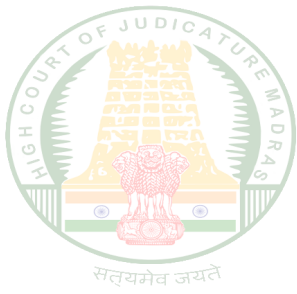
S/O.MR.P.SIVALINGAM, 2A, 3RD MAIN ROAD,  
KOTTUR GARDENS, CHENNAI-600 085.

.. 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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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

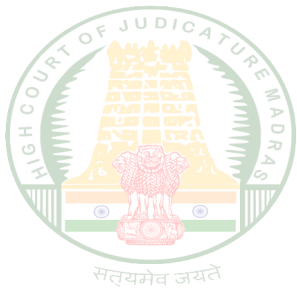
: Mr.V.Chandrasekaran, Senior Panel Counsel,  
for R6

: Mr.S.P.Chockalingam, for R7

: Mr.L.Jaivenkatesh, Standing Counsel for R8

: Mr.Richardson Wilson, for RR- 9 to 11, 16 to  
45

: RR - 12 to 15 - No Appearance



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: 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:-**

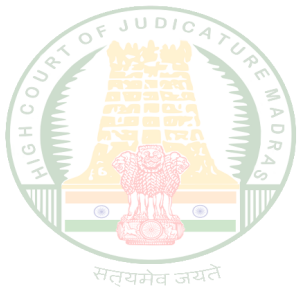
For Petitioner : Mr.S.P.Chockalingam

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 in both Writ Petitions**

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**

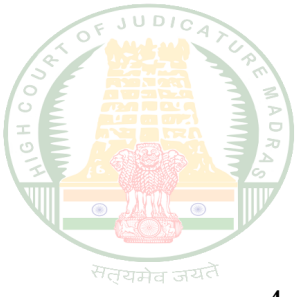
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#### **W.P.No.27356 of 2019 & W.P.No.28266 of 2022 & W.M.Ps.**

With reference to the directions that were given by our order dated 10.01.2025, learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that in view of the sudden bereavement in the family of the Police Officer heading the Special Investigation Team (SIT), report could not be filed today. In respect of the vigilance enquiry, he seeks time to place on record their further response.

2. With reference to the other directions, a detailed report is filed covering various steps that have been taken and steps that are proposed to be taken.

3. Let the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the other respondents and the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner in W.P.No.28266 of 2022 and the petitioner/party-in-person in W.P.No.27356 of 2019 and the learned amici curiae file their response, if any, to the status report.



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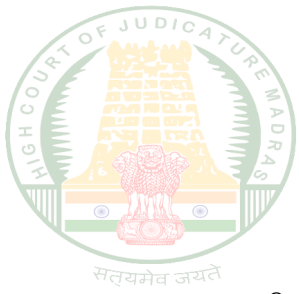
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4. Dr.T.Seenivasan, learned Special Government Pleader (Forest) also took the bench through the various steps that are being taken.

5. Insofar as directions we issued regarding the collection of particulars by the vigilance department, we make it clear that, in addition to the officials specifically mentioned in paragraph 48 of the order, our order extends to include officials from the Revenue Department, Mining and Geology Department, and Public Works Department as well.

6. With reference to notifying the Elephant Corridors, Mr.S.Muralidharan, the petitioner/party-in-person, submitted that the same was published long back on the website and all the objections have been received and the government is ready with the report, but, however, no action has been taken till date.

7. The learned Special Government Pleader (Forest) submit that if three months' further time is granted, action would be taken.



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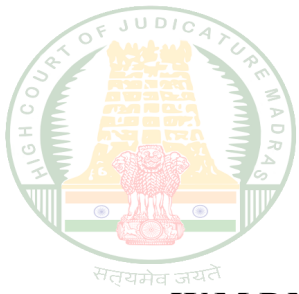
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8. We have already extended several months' time, and therefore, finally, time is granted till 03.04.2025 for the government to act upon. We make it clear that this court will proceed to pass further orders if no further action is forthcoming by that time.

9. It is evident that Mr. G. Narayanan, the District Judge/Chairman of the Permanent Lok Adalat in Coimbatore, who led the inspection team, used his personal funds to conduct the inspection and prepare the report. In order to cover these costs, the District Collector in Coimbatore is required to release Rs. 25,000/- in favour of Mr. G. Narayanan's personal account from either the District Administration funds or the District Mineral Foundation funds.

10. We have also passed orders regarding fixation of fees to the Special Government Pleader. The Government is directed to place a status report with reference to the same on the next date of hearing without fail.

Call on 03.04.2025.



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**W.M.P.Nos.42082, 42113 to 42116 of 2024 in W.P.No.27356 of 2019:**

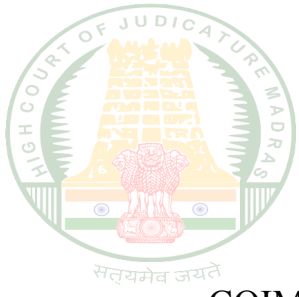
Dr. T.Seenivasan, learned Special Government Pleader (Forest) seeks  
time for filing counter.

Post on 03.04.2025.

(N.S.K., J.) (D.B.C., J.)  
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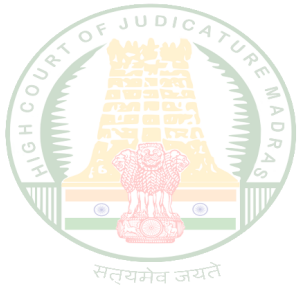
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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS,  
GOVT. OF TAMIL NADU,  
NO.1 JEENIS ROAD, PANAGAL BUILDINGS,  
SAIDAPET, CHENNAI-600 015.
2. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,  
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINING,  
COIMBATORE DISTRICT,



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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.



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