



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

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 17..04..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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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.Suchindran.B.N, 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.Suchindran, B.N, 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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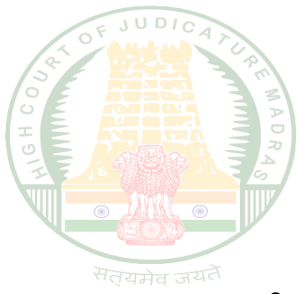
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COMMON ORDER

This Court by order dated 10.01.2025 constituted the Special Investigation Team consisting of the following officers:

- (i) Tmt.G.Nagajothi, I.P.S., Superintendent of Police, State Crime Records Bureau, Chennai;
- (ii) Thiru.G.Shashank Sai, I.P.S., Superintendent of Police, Organised Crime Intelligence Unit, Chennai.

2. It is stated that due to unfortunate bereavement in the family, Tmt.G.Nagajothi, I.P.S., Superintendent of Police, State Crime Records Bureau, Chennai is in continuous leave. It is also stated that due to her husband's loss, she may not be in a position to conduct investigation properly at this situation.



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3. Taking note of her plight and in order to continue the investigation without any interruption, we deem it fit to substitute Tmt.D.Shanmuga Priya, I.P.S., Superintendent of Police, CB-CID-III, Chennai in the place of Tmt.G.Nagajothi, I.P.S., Superintendent of Police, State Crime Records Bureau, Chennai to head the Special Investigation Team. The Special Investigation Team shall conduct the investigation with the same speed and the status report be filed on the next hearing date. The investigation shall also include Tadagam area also.

4. For filing further status report, call on 06.06.2025.

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

1. THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
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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,
COIMBATORE COLLECTORATE,
COIMBATORE – 641018.
3. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, CHENNAI.
4. TMT.D.SHANMUGA PRIYA, I.P.S., SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
CB-CID-III, 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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