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Writ Petition Nos.27356 of 2019 and 28266 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25.04.2025

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR

and

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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

W.P.No.27356 of 2019:

Mr. S.Muralidharan

S/O.Mr.P.Sivalingam, 2a, 3rd Main Road, Kottur Gardens, Chennai-600 085

Petitioner

Versus

1. 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

2. State of Tamil Nadu

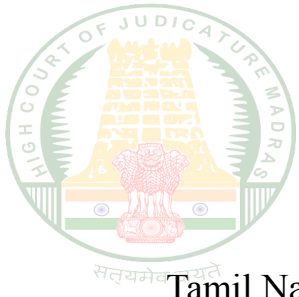
Rep. By Its Chief Secretary, Fort St.George, Chennai- 600 009. (R2 Deleted Vide
Order Dt 09/06/2021 Made In Wmp.4685/2021 In Wp.27356/2019 By Cj, Skrj)

3. District Collector

Coimbatore District, Gopalpuram, Coimbatore-6410108

4. Principal Secretary / Chairman

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Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, No.76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai- 600

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5. The Commissioner

Department Of Geology And Mining Thiru.Vi.Ka.Industrial Estate, Alandur Road, Guindy, Chennai-600 002

6. Government Of India

Ministry Of Environment, Forest And Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110 003

7. Suryakumar.K,

S/O. Krishnan, No. 4/15 Perumal Kovil Street, Otteri, Vandalur, Chennai - 600048. (R7 Impleaded Vide Order Dt 16.09.2022 Made In Wmp.23968/2022 In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)

8. The Superintending Engineer (Coimbatore North),

Tamilnadu Generation And Distribution Limited (Tangedco), Tatabad, Coimbatore. (R8 Suo Motu Impleaded Vide Order Dt 19.01.2023 Made In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)

9. P.Subramanian,

S/O. R.N.Palanisamy, 4/502, Ramanathapuram, Chinnathadagam Po., Coimbatore-641108.

10. R.Subbulakshmi,

W/O. Ramalingam, 4/24, Kalappanaickenpalyaam, Somayampalayam Po., Coimbatore-641108.

11. N.K.Chandramohan,

S/O.N.C.Kandasamy, 6/242, 22, Nanjundapuram, Chinnathadagam Post, Coimbatore-641 108.

12. M.Ravi,

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S/O.L.Maruthappan, 6/11-22, Nanjundapuram, Chinnathadagam Post,
Coimbatore-641 108.

13. S.Chandraprabha,
W/O.T.V.Selvaraj, 3/220, Anaikatti Main Road, Thaneerpandal Sri Balaji Garden,
Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore-641 108.

14. C.N.Muthukumar,
S/O. U.Nanjundagowder, 2/402-A, 24, Veerapamndipudhur Road,
Chinnathadagam Po., Coimbatore-641 108.

15. R.Rajamani,
S/O.Rangasamy, 1/18, Palanigowder Colony, N.G.G.O Colony, Coimbatore-641
022. (R9 To R15 Impleaded Vide Order Dt 01.12.2023 Made In Wmp.9090/2021
In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)

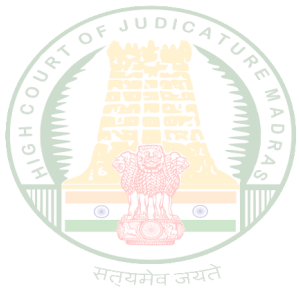
16. C.Arunkumar,
S/O.Chandrasekaran, No.43, Mosuvanna Street, Erode 638001.

17. V. Sampathkumar,
S/O Velumani, 6, Anbal Nagar, Mkp Colony, Ganapathy Post, Coimbatore North-
641006.

18. D. Ramya,
W/O. Divakar, 29/4, Sri Suryodaya Apartment, Sriramnagar, Chollampudur Main
Road.

19. K. Devika,
W/O M. Karunakaran, 2/5, Ramasamy Pillai Street, Vadavalli P.O., Coimbatore
641041.

20. M. Suresh Kumar,
S/O Mayilsamy, 3/214, Anaikatty Main Road, Thagadampudhur,
Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore-641108.



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21. R. Subramaniam,

S/O Ramukutty, 4/1, Krs Kalvai, Kallapanaickanpalayam, Somaiyampalayam,
Coimbatore Coimbatore South- 641039.

22. S. Parasuraman,

S/O Somappan, 1/247, Main Road, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore 641108.

23. T. Vellingiri,

S/O. Thirumoorthi, 1/1h, Anna Street, Vadavalli, Coimbatore 641041.

24. S. Arivuchelvan,

S/O. S. Sivalingam, Sf No. 539/1, Periya Thadagam Road, Chinna Thadagam
Post, Coimbatore- 641108.

25. E. Krishna Veni,

W/O Errattaimuthu, 2/398, Kanthappagonderathottam, Chinnathadagam,
Coimbatore 641108.

26. D. Kanagaraj,

S/O. Dasappagowdar, 2/100, Mariyamankovil Street, Chinnathadagam,
Coimbatore 641108 .

27. P. Senthil,

S/O. Periyabalan, 8/25, Seigulli, Tholampalayam, Gopani R.F., Coimbatore
641113.

28. R. Palanisamy,

S/O, Rangasamy, 4/85 North Street, Thadagam, Coimbatore 641108.

29. P. Kumar,

S/O.Palanisamy, 2/38, Mariammakoil Street, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore
641108.



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30. S. Saravanakumar,
S/O. Subbramaniyan, 2/117, Mariyammancoil Street, Chinnathadagam,
Coimbatore- 641108.

31. K.S. Rajkumar,
S/O Selvaraj, 8/22, R.S. Nagar, Kavundampalayam, Coimbatore North-641030.

32. M. Madhankumar,
S/O. Marudhappan, 2/39, Mariyammancoil Street, Chinnathadam, Coimbatore-
641108.

33. R. Krishnaswamy,
S/O. Raja Chettiyar ,Work Shop Stop, Anerikutty Main Road, Chinnathadagam,
Coimbatore 641108.

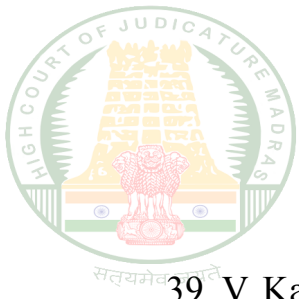
34. S. Karthik
S/O. Rajappan 3/81, 24 Veerapandipudur, 24, Veerapandi Post, Veerapandi,
Veerapandithadagam, Coimbatore 641108.

35. G. Krishnamoorthy,
S/O. Gopalan, 159/8, Thadagam Road, Edaiyarpalayam, Coimbatore North,
Coimbatore-641025.

36. D. Saravanakumar,
S/O. Duraisamy, 6/129, Dhaliyur, Pannimadai, Coimbatore-641017.

37. P. Ramasuppu,
S/O Pothiraj, No.5/381/V1, Vivekanandhar Street, Kanuvai, Somaiyampalayam,
Coimbatore-641108.

38. K.R. Ramakrishnan,
S/O. Ramasamy, 4/4b, Murugan Nagar, Coimbatore North, Kavundampalayam,
Coimbatore- 641030.



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39. V. Kampaliyappan

S/O. Venkatraman, 3/220-G, Balaji Garden Thaneerpanthal, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore North, Coimbatore-641108.

40. A. Selvaraj,

S/O. Ayyasamy, 15/32a, Kondanurpudhur, 24veerapandianaikatty North, Coimbatore-641108.

41. M. Ponnusamy,

S/O. Marappagounder, 4/244, North Street, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore-641108.

42. R. Krishnaswamy,

S/O. Ramanna Udayar, New No.42, Shiva Nagar, Opp. Tvs Nagar, Edaiyarpalayam, Coimbatore-641025.

43. R. Thangaraj,

S/O Rangasamy, No.2/468-9, Thiruvalluvar Nagar, Somaiyanur, Nanjundapuram-Thadagam, Coimbatore-641108.

44. C. Vijayakumar,

C/O. Chinnasamy, 95, Kumaran Avenue, Nggo Colony, Mtp Road, Coimbatore North-641017.

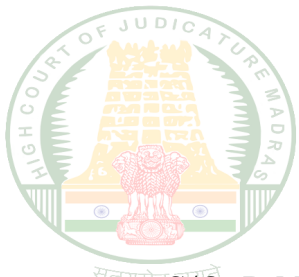
45. G. Kannapiran,

S/O Gopal, 1593c, Thadagam Road, Vellandipalayam, Coimbatore North-641025. (R16 To R45 Impleaded Vide Order Dt 01.12.2023 Made In Wmp.10794/2021 In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)

46. N.Palaniswamy,

S/O. R.Narayanaswamy, No. 2/1a, Vinayagar Koil Veedhi, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore-641108.

47. T.N.Veluswamy,



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S/O. R.Narayanaswamy, No. 2/1, Vinayagar Koil Veedhi, Chinnathadagam,
Coimbatore-641108.

48. Soundaravadivu,
W/O. S.Anandan, 4/17, North Street, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore -641108.

49. R.Karthik,
S/O. R. Rajappan, 3/81, 24 Veerapandi Pudhur, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore
-641108. (R46 To R49 Impleaded Vide Order Dt 01.12.2023 Made In
Wmp.30994/2022 In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)

50. M/S. SPS Terra Bricks (Sps Bricks),
Rep. By Its Proprietor , T.Anandhi, S.F. No. 253/2b, Madhampatti Village,
Coimbatore District 641 010.

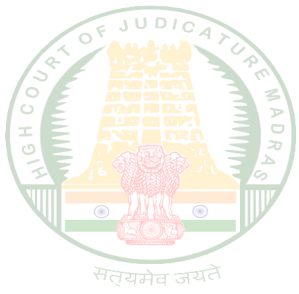
51. M/S. KRS Kalavai (Krs Bricks),
Rep. By Its Proprietor , M.Lakshmi, S.F. No. 29/1b3, Kupaipalayam,
Thondamuthur, Perur Taluk, Coimbatore District 641 109.

52. M/S. SPB Bricks,
S.F. No. 692/1c, 693/1, Rep. By Its Proprietor, P.Boopathy, Vandikkaranur,
Thondamuthur, Perur Taluk, Coimbatore District 641 109.

53. M/S. VMS Bricks,
Rep. By Its Proprietor , M.Sivakumar, Sf. No. 655 , 653/6b, Vadivelampalayam,
Pooluvapatti Panchayat, Coimbatore District 641 101.

54. M/S VMV Bricks,
Rep. By Its Proprietor , V.M.Veluchamy, S.F. No. 605/1, Vadivelampalayam,
Pooluvapatti Panchayat, Coimbatore District 641 101.

55. M/S. VG Bricks
Rep. By Its Proprietor , L.Karthi, S.F. No. 706/1d , Vadivelampalayam,
Pooluvapatti Panchayat, Coimbatore District 641 101.



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56. M/S. MPS Bricks,

Rep. By Its Proprietor , P.Selvaraj, S.F. No. 711 , 713 , Vadivelampalayam,
Pooluvapatti Panchayat, Coimbatore District 641 101.

57. M/S. Sun Bricks,

Rep. By Its Proprietor , S.C.Venkatasamy, S.F. No. 849/2 , Vadivelampalayam,
Alanthurai Village, Coimbatore District 641 101.

58. M/S. Vkm Bricks,

S.F. No. 604/1 , Rep. By Its Proprietor , Sankar Ganesh, Vadivelampalayam,
Pooluvapatti Panchayat, Coimbatore District 641 101.

59. M/S. Svt Bricks

Rep. By Its Proprietor , M.Rathinasamy, S.F No. 44/2 , Kupaipalayam,
Thondamuthur, Perur Taluk, Coimbatore District 641 109

60.M/S. Ksr Bricksr Bricks Nattusengalsoolai (Ksr Bricks),

Rep. By Its Proprietor , K.T.Ramasamy , S.F. No. 390/1 , 390/2 , Thenkarai,
Perur Taluk, Coimbatore District 641 109

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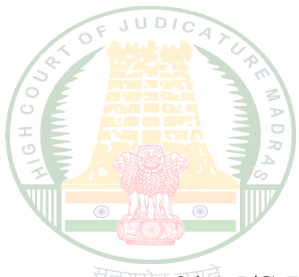
Sf No. 468/1e, Rep. By Its Proprietor , T.Arumugam, Molapalayam, Pooluvapatti
Panchayat, Coimbatore District.

62.M/S. Tata Bricks ,

S.F. No. 185/1c1, Rep. By Its Proprietor , M.Rangasamy, Vandikkaranur,
Thondamuthur, Perur Taluk, Coimbatore District 641 109.

63. M/S. Avb Bricks,

S.F. No. 650/2, Rep. By Its Proprietor, Nagaraj, Vadivelampalayam, Pooluvapatti
Panchayat, Coimbatore District 641 101. (R50 To R63 Impleaded Vide Order Dt
01.12.2023 Made In Wmp.25158/2023 In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)



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64.M/S.K.S.S. Bricks,

Rep By Its Proprietor Mr.Ganesh, S.F. No. 450/1a, Karamadai, Perur Taluk, Coimbatore District- 641 101. (R64 Impleaded Vide Order Dt 01.12.2023 Made In Wmp.26838/2023 In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)

65. V.Loganathan,

S/O.Veerachamy, 4/356, Nallurvayalpathy Tribal Village, Nallur Vayal Post, Mathuvarayapuram, Coimbatore 641 114.

66.M.Siva,

S/O.Late V.Mani, No.168, Karupparayan Kovil Street, Puliyakulam, Coimbatore 641 045.(R65 And R66 Are Impleaded As Per Order Dated 20.09.2024 In Wmp.30346/2024 In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj And Dbcj)

.. Respondents

W.P.No.28266 of 2022:

Dr.R.Karpagam

W/o. S. Ramalingam, 80/44, Ansari Street, Ramnagar, Coimbatore.

.. Petitioner

Versus

1. Assistant Director,

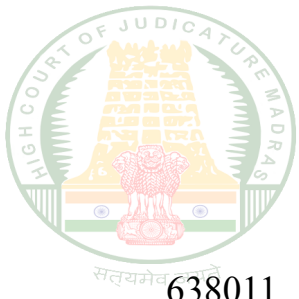
Department of Geology and Mining, Coimbatore District, coimbatore
Collectorate, Coimbatore - 641018.

2. District Environmental Engineer,

Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Coimbatore North, No. 5, Ramasamy
Nagar, Kavundampalayam, Coimbatore - 641030.

3. Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director,

Sathyamangalam Tiger Rerserve Roja Nagar, Veerappanchathiram Post, Erode -



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4. National Tiger Conservation Authority,
B-1 Wing, 7th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New
Delhi- 110003.

5. District Environmental Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Coimbatore South, Plot No. E55A, SIDCO
Industrial Estate Kurichi, Pollachi Main Road, Coimbatore - 641021.

6. Assistant Commissioner,
Office of the Assistant Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department, Erode - 638009.

7. District Collector,
Coimbatore District, Gopalapuram, Coimbatore - 6410108.

8. Arulmigu Adhikaruvannarayana Bommadevar Temple,
Kejiahatti, Sathyamangalam Taluk, Erode District.

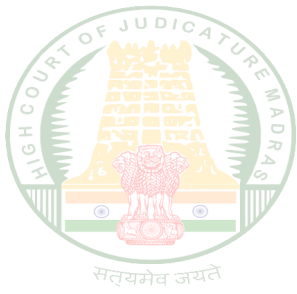
9. District Collector,
Erode District, First Floor, Collectorate, Erode-638011.

.. Respondents

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

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

For Respondents : Dr.T.Seenivasan,
Special Government Pleader (Forest),
for RR-1, 3 to 5



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: 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

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

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

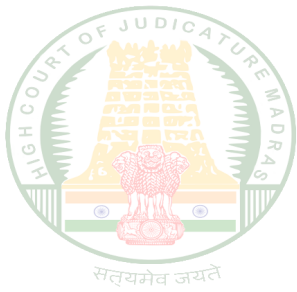
: Mr.M.Purushothaman, for RR- 65 and 66

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

For Petitioner : Mr.S.P.Chockalingam

For Respondents : Dr.T.Seenivasan,
Special Government Pleader for RR - 1 and 4

: Mr.Suchindran, B.N, Standing Counsel,
for RR - 2 and 3



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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
4. Mr.Rahul Balaji, learned Counsel

COMMON ORDER

Today, this matter has been taken up for hearing at the instance of the learned Additional Public Prosecutor.

2. He would submit that the recusal of the 2nd officer viz., Thiru.G.Shashank Sai, I.P.S., in paragraph No.2 shall be made clear.

3. In view thereof, the following sentence shall be added as a first sentence in paragraph No.2 of the order dated 17.04.2025.

“Thiru.G.Shashank Sai, I.P.S., Superintendent of Police, Organised Crime Intelligence Unit, Chennai, had expressed difficulties and this court permitted him to recuse from the Special Investigation Team”



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4. Registry is directed to carry out necessary corrections in the order dated 17.04.2025 and issue fresh order copy.

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

It is brought to the notice of this Court that the Poluvampatti reserve forest area, Coimbatore, was protected with fencing and works have been started. The information printed in the newspaper is placed before this Court.

2. Though several opportunity has been granted to file counter, no counter is forthcoming from the respondent – Forest Department.

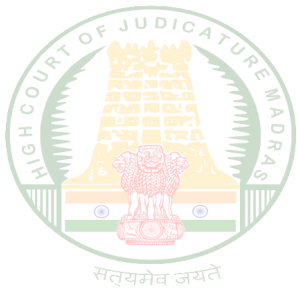
3. The learned Special Government Pleader seeks short time to file counter.

4. As a last chance for filing counter, post the matter on 20.06.2025. Till such time, *status quo* shall be maintained.

(N.S.K.J.,) (D.B.C.J.,)
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 3. Principal Secretary / Chairman
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, No.76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai- 600
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 4. The Commissioner
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Road, Guindy, Chennai-600 002
 5. Government Of India
Ministry Of Environment, Forest And Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran
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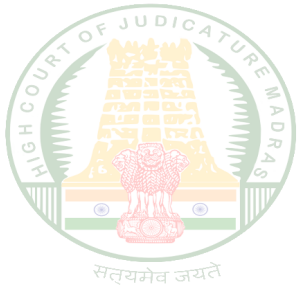
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