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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-07-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

WP NO. 27356 OF 2019

& WMP NO. 31591 of 2023

Mr. S.Muralidharan

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

Petitioner(s)

Vs

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 67 Others

Respondent(s)

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For Petitioner(s): Mr.Muralidharan (P-IN-P)

For Respondent(s): Mr.J.Ravindran, Additional Advocate General

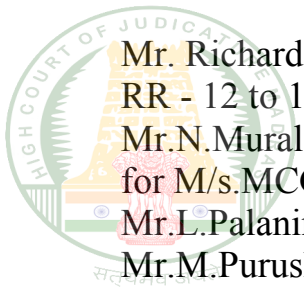
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Mr.V.Chandrasekaran, Senior Panel Counsel, for R6

Mr.S.P.Chockalingam, for R7

Mr.L. Jaivenkatesh, Standing Counsel for R8



Mr. Richardson Wilson, for R 9 to 11, 16 to 45

RR - 12 to 15 - No Appearance

Mr.N.Muralikumaran, Senior Counsel,
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Mr.L.Palanimuthu, for RR - 50 to 64

Mr.M.Purushothaman, for R 65 and 66

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

ORDER

With reference to the removal of Prosopis Juliflora concerned with reference to the Thadagam area, it is reported that the entire area of Government land which was identified as 30.16 acres, the trees were removed and pictures are also produced before this Court. With reference to the private area, since general directions are being issued by the Court, the Arasoor Panchayat area has already been chosen and notices are being issued in respect of the private owners to remove the trees from their private land. In this regard, it is stated that further progress will be reported back to this Court.

2. Post on 01.08.2025. Status report shall also contain data with reference to other works that are undertaken in Tadagam valley including the leveling work and re-plantation of native



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

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To

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.

3. District Collector
Coimbatore District, Gopalpuram, Coimbatore-6410108

4. Principal Secretary / Chairman
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, No.76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai- 600 032

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. The Superintending Engineer (coimbatore North),
Tamilnadu Generation and Distribution Limited (TANGEDCO), Tatabad, Coimbatore.
(R8 SUO MOTU IMPEADED VIDE ORDER DT 19.01.2023 MADE IN
WP.27356/2019 BY NSKJ, DBCJ)