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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 01.08.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

WP No. 27356 OF 2019

and

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): Dr.T.Seenivasan, Special Government Pleader (Forest), for R1, 3 to 5

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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

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for M/s.MCGAN Law Firm, for R 46 to 49

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

Mr.M.Purushothaman, for R 65 and 66

Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan

Additional Public Prosecutor for the Special Investigation Team (SIT)

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

ORDER

As far as removal of *prosopis juliflora* is concerned, the Assistant Director of Rural Development Department has sent a communication indicating that notices have already been issued to the private land owners for removal of the *prosopis juliflora* in the private lands to an extent of 45.5 Acres. Further, he has



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also sent a communication indicating that, so far, *prosopis juliflora* have been removed in an extent of 30.16 Acres and native trees have been planted in an extent of 12.09 Acres and they are yet to plant native trees in an extent of 13.73 Acres.

2.A Status Report shall be filed indicating the further action taken with regard to removal of *prosopis juliflora* and re-planting of native species in the remaining extent of land. The report shall also contain the feasibility of planting some fruit bearing trees like jack fruit, etc., in the remaining extent of land, so that it would be useful for the wild animals.

3.Post the matter on 29.08.2025.

[N.S.K.J.] [D.B.C.J.]
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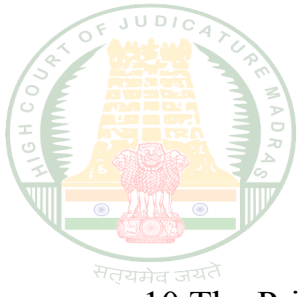
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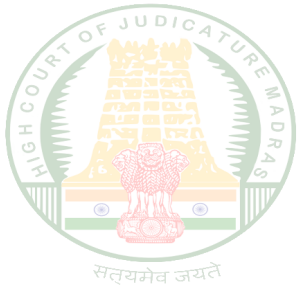
- 1.The Principal Secretary,
Department of Forests And Environment,
St. George Fort, Chennai 600 009.
- 2.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force),
Forest Head Quarters,
Guindy-Velachery Main Road,
Velachery, Chennai – 600 032.
- 3.The District Collector,
The Nilgiris, Ooty,
The Nilgiris District.
- 4.The District Collector,
Coimbatore.
- 5.The District Forest Officer,
Kodaikanal, Dindigul District.
- 6.The Assistant Director of Rural Development,
Coimbatore.
- 7.The Commissioner,
Department of Geology and Mining Thiru.Vi.Ka.Industrial Estate, Alandur Road,
Guindy, Chennai-600 002
- 8.Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110 003
- 9.The Superintending Engineer (Coimbatore North),
Tamilnadu Generation and Distribution Limited (TANGEDCO), Tatabad,
Coimbatore.



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

11. The Special Government Pleader (Forests),
Madras High Court, High Court Campus,
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