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WP No. 27356 of 2019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 19.09.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

W.P.No.27356 of 2019 & W.P.No.28266 of 2022

AND

W.M.P.Nos.23020 & 23022 of 2025,

W.M.P.No.31591 of 2023

W.P.No.27356 of 2019

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 72 Others

Respondent(s)

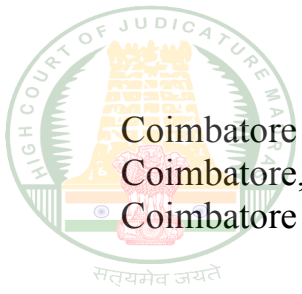
W.P.No.28266 of 2022

DR.R.KARPAGAM

.... Petitioner

v.

1.ASSISTANT DIRECTOR,
Department Of Geology And Mining,



Coimbatore District,
Coimbatore,
Coimbatore – 641018 and 3 others



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Respondent(s)

W.M.P.Nos.23020 of 2025

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 65 Others

Respondent(s)

W.M.P.Nos.23022 of 2025

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

Petitioner(s)

Vs

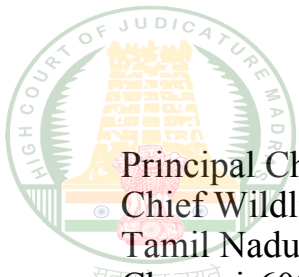
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and
Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Forests, Govt. of
Tamil Nadu, No.1 Jeenis Road, Panagal Buildings, Saidapet,
Chennai-600 015 and 65 Others

Respondent(s)

W.M.P.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 7 Others

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Respondent(s)

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 R1, 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.B.N.Suchindran,
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 R 9 to 11, 16 to 45
: RR - 12 to 15 - No Appearance
: Mr.N.Muralikumaran, Senior Counsel,
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.R.Sankaranarayanan, Senior Counsel
for Mr.Ramasamy Meiyappan for R67
: Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan, Additional Public Prosecutor

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 RR1 & 4
: Mr.B.N.Suchindran,



Standing Counsel for RR2 & 3

In W.P.Nos.27356 of 2019 & : Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan,
W.P.No.28266 of 2022: Additional Public Prosecutor for the Special
Investigation Team (SIT)

Amici Curiae in both writ petitions

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

ORDER

Investigation by Special Investigation Team (SIT)

(W.P.Nos.27356 of 2019 & 28266 of 2022)

On behalf of the Special Investigation Team (SIT), a status report is filed, wherein, it is submitted that, so far, the investigation is progressing and they are focussing on the *modus operandi* and in the process of getting to the persons involved. It is also stated that the Mobile Phone Number 9487006571 is also advertised and publized for forwarding any complaint in this regard. It is stated that the entire issue can be bifurcated into two. One is with reference to the local brick kiln/operators conducting illegal business and second is a network of persons who are supplying the soil, gravel, etc. to bigger projects such as Highways projects, etc., acting in a concerted effort by using fake and fabricated tripsheets and generating seigniorage fees. The status report is taken on record. Let further investigation be completed and the further reports



be filed. Wherever investigation is completed in particular crime numbers, final reports can be filed in the meanwhile. With reference to the complete investigation, let the status report be filed on 14.11.2025.

2.Call on 14.11.2025.

**Illegal Resorts at Anaikatti Area/Elephant Protection and
Banning of Night Traffic on SH-164 :**

(W.M.P.Nos.23020 of 2025 & 23022 of 2025)

3.Call on 31.10.2025.

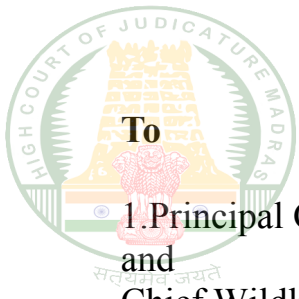
Removal of Prosopis Juliflora in Thadagam Valley :

(W.M.P.No.31591 of 2023)

4.Since the connected matter is posted on 26.09.2025, call this matter on 26.09.2025.

(N.S.K., J.) (D.B.C., J.)
19.09.2025

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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.The 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
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
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8. The Commissioner,
Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation,
Coimbatore District.

9. The Commissioner,
HR & CE Department,
No.19, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600 034.

N. SATHISH KUMAR, J.
and
D. BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.



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