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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.10.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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and

WMP No.23023 of 2025 & WMP No.24519 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 67 Others

Respondent(s)

WMP NO. 23023 of 2025

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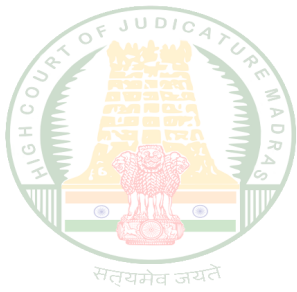
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Gardens, Chennai-600 085

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Saidapet, Chennai-600 015 and 65 Others

Respondent(s)

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

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

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

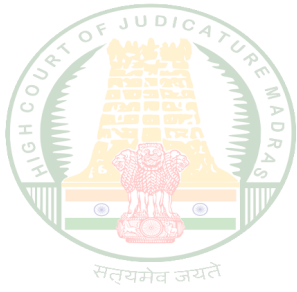
Mr.M.Purushothaman, for R 65 and 66

Mr.K.M.D.Muhilan

Additional Public Prosecutor for the Special Investigation Team (SIT)

Amici Curiae

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



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ORDER

Marudhamalai Murugan Temple & Anuvavi Subramniyar Temple
(WMP Nos.23023 of 2025 & 24519 of 2025)

Considering the importance of the issue, we are of the view that the temples are also required to be heard. Accordingly, the temples, viz., Arulmigu Subramniya Samy Temple, Maruthamalai, Perur (Taluk), Coimbatore District and Arulmigu Anuvavi Subramaniya Samy Temple, Periya Thadagam, Coimbatore are *suo-motu* impleaded as respondents Nos.68 and 69 respectively.

2.Mr.NRR.Arun Natarajan, learned Special Government Pleader (HR&CE) accepts notice for the newly impleaded respondents 68 and 69 and submitted that no work is commenced in respect of damaging the environment. Such statement is recorded.

3.Call on 07.11.2025 for filing status report.

[N.S.K., J.] [D.B.C., J.]
10.10.2025

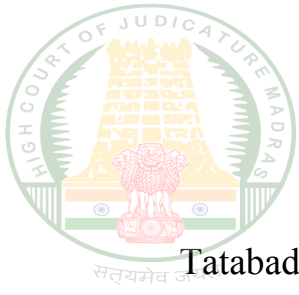


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To

- 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),

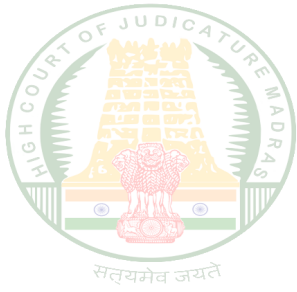


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10. The Principal Secretary/Chairman,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
No.76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai- 600 032
11. The Commissioner,
HR & CE Department,
No.19, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600 034.
12. The Special Government Pleader (Forests),
Madras High Court, High Court Campus,
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