



W.P.No.27356 of 2019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.01.2026

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CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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W.M.P.Nos.23023 & 24519 of 2025

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

Petitioner(s)

Vs

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Chief Wildlife Warden, Department of Forests,
Govt. of Tamil Nadu,
No.1 Jeenis Road, Panagal Buildings,
Saidapet, Chennai-600 015 and 76 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

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

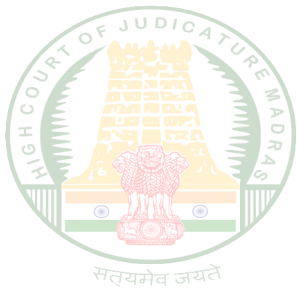
Mr.M.Purushothaman, for R 65 and 66

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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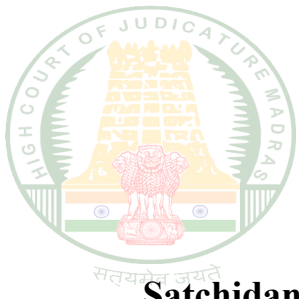
ORDER

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Mata Amritanandamayi Math :

With reference to the field inspection that was ordered with reference to the Mata Amritanandamayi Math, today, the learned Special Government Pleader, by placing a communication dated 22.01.2026 from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, as also the learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the Institution, would submit that the Institution has agreed to push their boundary away from present fence on their side as identified and requested by the Forest Department and that the work is also completed as on today. While the communication of the Conservator of Forests states that the work is being done and it will be completed within 15 days, the learned Senior Counsel states that the work is already complete. Even if anything requires to be done, let the same be done as agreed. The same is taken on record and the prayer with reference to Mata Amritanandamayi Math, Ettimadai, shall stand closed.

2.This Court places its appreciation on the Management for their voluntarily exercise of giving up their land for the cause of environment. Needless to mention, the learned *Amici Curiae* can make the follow up inspection and place on record any concerns.



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Satchidananda Jothi Nikethan International School :

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3. With reference to the Satchidananda Jothi Nikethan International School, the learned Special Government Pleader, by placing the communication of the District Forest Officer, Coimbatore Division, dated 21.01.2026, as also the learned counsel for the petitioner, would submit that they had allowed some portion of their land already for animal movement and due to soil levelling, there is animal movement in the places identified as deep slope portion and it is also stated that the School Management has agreed to increase the height of the compound wall as a preventive measure and presently, the height of the existing fence has been increased from 12 feet to 14 feet. The photographs in respect thereof have also been enclosed. It is stated by the District Forest Officer that, presently, there is enough area for the free movement of the wildlife in the above area after the levelling of the land. The same is taken on record and the prayer with reference to the said School shall stand closed.

4. This Court places its appreciation on the Management for their voluntarily exercise of giving up their land for the cause of environment. Needless to mention, the learned *Amici Curiae* can make the follow up inspection and place on record any concerns.



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Usage of Speed Boats/Mechanised Boats :

5. With reference to the usage of motor boats and high powered mechanised boats in Pykara and other lakes, already, we have impleaded the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation. Let the Commissioner of Tourism and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation, file a detailed report with reference thereof.

6. Call on 30.01.2026.

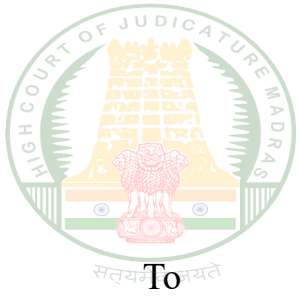
Marudhamalai Murugan Temple & Anuvavi Subramaniyar Temple :

7. The learned *Amici Curiae* have filed an inspection report in respect of Marudhamalai Murugan Temple. The same is taken on record. The learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the Temple seeks time to file a detailed reply thereto along with videos.

8. Call on 30.01.2026.

[N.S.K.J.] [D.B.C.J.,]
23.01.2026

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



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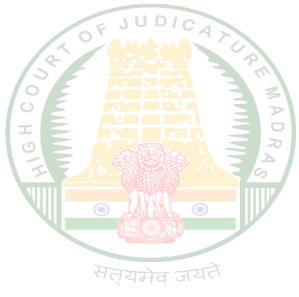
11.The Managing Director
Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation
Wallajah Road, Chennai – 600 002.

12.The Director,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
No.119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam High Road,
Chennai – 600 034.

13.The Special Government Pleader (Forests),
Madras High Court, High Court Campus,
Chennai 600 104.

14.The Salim Ali Centre for Orinthology and Natural History,
Anaikatty (Post),
Coimbatore – 641 108.

15.The Commissioner,
Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation,
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