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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20.02.2026

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR

and

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

W.P.No.27356 of 2019

and W.M.P.Nos.37000 of 2024, 23023, 24519 & 38951 of 2025

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Mr. S.Muralidharan

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

Petitioner

Versus

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. (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

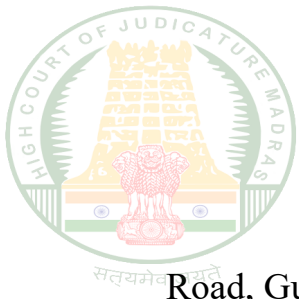
4. Principal Secretary / Chairman

Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, No.76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai- 600
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5. The Commissioner

Department Of Geology And Mining Thiru.Vi.Ka.Industrial Estate, Alandur

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Road, Guindy, Chennai-600 002

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6. Government Of India

Ministry Of Environment, Forest And Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi-110 003

7. Suryakumar.K,

S/O. Krishnan, No. 4/15 Perumal Kovil Street, Otteri, Vandalur, Chennai - 600048. (R7 Impleaded Vide Order Dt 16.09.2022 Made In Wmp.23968/2022 In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)

8. The Superintending Engineer (Coimbatore North),

Tamilnadu Generation And Distribution Limited (Tangedco), Tatabad, Coimbatore. (R8 Suo Motu Impleaded Vide Order Dt 19.01.2023 Made In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)

9. P.Subramanian,

S/O. R.N.Palanisamy, 4/502, Ramanathapuram, Chinnathadagam Po., Coimbatore-641108.

10. R.Subbulakshmi,

W/O. Ramalingam, 4/24, Kalappanaickenpalyaam, Somayampalayam Po., Coimbatore-641108.

11. N.K.Chandramohan,

S/O.N.C.Kandasamy, 6/242, 22, Nanjundapuram, Chinnathadagam Post, Coimbatore-641 108.

12. M.Ravi,

S/O.L.Maruthappan, 6/11-22, Nanjundapuram, Chinnathadagam Post, Coimbatore-641 108.

13. S.Chandraprabha,

W/O.T.V.Selvaraj, 3/220, Anaikatti Main Road, Thaneerpandal Sri Balaji Garden, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore-641 108.

14. C.N.Muthukumar,

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Chinnathadagam Po., Coimbatore-641 108.

15. R.Rajamani,
S/O.Rangasamy, 1/18, Palanigowder Colony, N.G.G.O Colony, Coimbatore-641
022. (R9 To R15 Impleaded Vide Order Dt 01.12.2023 Made In Wmp.9090/2021
In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)

16. C.Arunkumar,
S/O.Chandrasekaran, No.43, Mosuvanna Street, Erode 638001.

17. V. Sampathkumar,
S/O Velumani, 6, Anbal Nagar, Mkp Colony, Ganapathy Post, Coimbatore
North-641006.

18. D. Ramya,
W/O. Divakar, 29/4, Sri Suryodaya Apartment, Sriramnagar, Chollampudur Main
Road.

19. K. Devika,
W/O M. Karunakaran, 2/5, Ramasamy Pillai Street, Vadavalli P.O., Coimbatore
641041.

20. M. Suresh Kumar,
S/O Mayilsamy, 3/214, Anaikatty Main Road, Thagadampudhur,
Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore-641108.

21. R. Subramaniam,
S/O Ramukutty, 4/1, Krs Kalvai, Kallapanaickanpalayam, Somaiyampalayam,
Coimbatore Coimbatore South- 641039.

22. S. Parasuraman,
S/O Somappan, 1/247, Main Road, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore 641108.

23. T. Vellingiri,
S/O. Thirumoorthi, 1/1h, Anna Street, Vadavalli, Coimbatore 641041.



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24. S. Arivuchelvan,
S/O. S. Sivalingam, Sf No. 539/1, Periya Thadagam Road, Chinna Thadagam
Post, Coimbatore- 641108.

25. E. Krishna Veni,
W/O Errattaimuthu, 2/398, Kanthappagonderathottam, Chinnathadagam,
Coimbatore 641108.

26. D. Kanagaraj,
S/O. Dasappagowdar, 2/100, Mariyammankovil Street, Chinnathadagam,
Coimbatore 641108 .

27. P. Senthil,
S/O. Periyabalan, 8/25, Seigulli, Tholampalayam, Gopani R.F., Coimbatore
641113.

28. R. Palanisamy,
S/O, Rangasamy, 4/85 North Street, Thadagam, Coimbatore 641108.

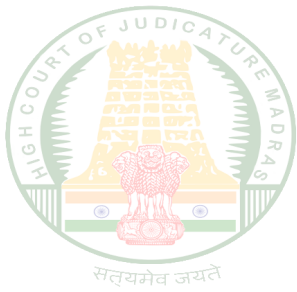
29. P. Kumar,
S/O.Palanisamy, 2/38, Mariammakoil Street, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore
641108.

30. S. Saravanakumar,
S/O. Subbramaniyan, 2/117, Mariyammankoil Street, Chinnathadagam,
Coimbatore- 641108.

31. K.S. Rajkumar,
S/O Selvaraj, 8/22, R.S. Nagar, Kavundampalayam, Coimbatore North-641030.

32. M. Madhankumar,
S/O. Marudhappan, 2/39, Mariyammankoil Street, Chinnathadam,
Coimbatore-641108.

33. R. Krishnaswamy,
S/O. Raja Chettiyar ,Work Shop Stop, Anerikutty Main Road, Chinnathadagam,
Coimbatore 641108.



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S/O. Rajappan 3/81, 24 Veerapandipudur, 24, Veerapandi Post, Veerapandi, Veerapandithadagam, Coimbatore 641108.

35. G. Krishnamoorthy,
S/O. Gopalan, 159/8, Thadagam Road, Edaiyarpalayam, Coimbatore North, Coimbatore-641025.

36. D. Saravanakumar,
S/O. Duraisamy, 6/129, Dhaliyur, Pannimadai, Coimbatore-641017.

37. P. Ramasuppu,
S/O Pothiraj, No.5/381/V1, Vivekanandhar Street, Kanuvai, Somaiyampalayam, Coimbatore-641108.

38. K.R. Ramakrishnan,
S/O. Ramasamy, 4/4b, Murugan Nagar, Coimbatore North, Kavundampalayam, Coimbatore- 641030.

39. V. Kampaliyappan
S/O. Venkatraman, 3/220-G, Balaji Garden Thaneerpanthal, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore North, Coimbatore-641108.

40. A. Selvaraj,
S/O. Ayyasamy, 15/32a, Kondanurpudhur, 24veerapandianaikatty North, Coimbatore-641108.

41. M. Ponnusamy,
S/O. Marappagounder, 4/244, North Street, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore-641108.

42. R. Krishnaswamy,
S/O. Ramanna Udayar, New No.42, Shiva Nagar, Opp. Tvs Nagar, Edaiyarpalayam, Coimbatore-641025.

43. R. Thangaraj,

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S/O Rangasamy, No.2/468-9, Thiruvalluvar Nagar, Somaiyanur, Nanjundapuram-
Thadagam, Coimbatore-641108.

44. C. Vijayakumar,
C/O. Chinnasamy, 95, Kumaran Avenue, Nggo Colony, Mtp Road, Coimbatore
North-641017.

45. G. Kannapiran,
S/O Gopal, 1593c, Thadagam Road, Vellandipalayam, Coimbatore
North-641025. (R16 To R45 Impleaded Vide Order Dt 01.12.2023 Made In
Wmp.10794/2021 In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)

46. N.Palaniswamy,
S/O. R.Narayanaswamy, No. 2/1a, Vinayagar Koil Veedhi, Chinnathadagam,
Coimbatore-641108.

47. T.N.Veluswamy,
S/O. R.Narayanaswamy, No. 2/1, Vinayagar Koil Veedhi, Chinnathadagam,
Coimbatore-641108.

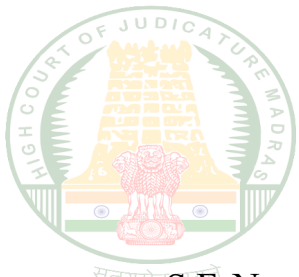
48. Soundaravadivu,
W/O. S.Anandan, 4/17, North Street, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore -641108.

49. R.Karthik,
S/O. R. Rajappan, 3/81, 24 Veerapandi Pudhur, Chinnathadagam, Coimbatore
-641108. (R46 To R49 Impleaded Vide Order Dt 01.12.2023 Made In
Wmp.30994/2022 In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)

50. M/S. SPS Terra Bricks (Sps Bricks),
Rep. By Its Proprietor , T.Anandhi, S.F. No. 253/2b, Madhampatti Village,
Coimbatore District 641 010.

51. M/S. KRS Kalavai (Krs Bricks),
Rep. By Its Proprietor , M.Lakshmi, S.F. No. 29/1b3, Kupaipalayam,
Thondamuthur, Perur Taluk, Coimbatore District 641 109.

52. M/S. SPB Bricks,



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S.F. No. 692/1c, 693/1, Rep. By Its Proprietor, P.Boopathy, Vandikkaranur,
Thondamuthur, Perur Taluk, Coimbatore District 641 109.

53. M/S. VMS Bricks,
Rep. By Its Proprietor , M.Sivakumar, Sf. No. 655 , 653/6b, Vadivelampalayam,
Pooluvapatti Panchayat, Coimbatore District 641 101.

54. M/S VMV Bricks,
Rep. By Its Proprietor , V.M.Veluchamy, S.F. No. 605/1, Vadivelampalayam,
Pooluvapatti Panchayat, Coimbatore District 641 101.

55. M/S. VG Bricks
Rep. By Its Proprietor , L.Karthi, S.F. No. 706/1d , Vadivelampalayam,
Pooluvapatti Panchayat, Coimbatore District 641 101.

56. M/S. MPS Bricks,
Rep. By Its Proprietor , P.Selvaraj, S.F. No. 711 , 713 , Vadivelampalayam,
Pooluvapatti Panchayat, Coimbatore District 641 101.

57. M/S. Sun Bricks,
Rep. By Its Proprietor , S.C.Venkatasamy, S.F. No. 849/2 , Vadivelampalayam,
Alanthurai Village, Coimbatore District 641 101.

58. M/S. Vkm Bricks,
S.F. No. 604/1 , Rep. By Its Proprietor , Sankar Ganesh, Vadivelampalayam,
Pooluvapatti Panchayat, Coimbatore District 641 101.

59. M/S. Svt Bricks
Rep. By Its Proprietor , M.Rathinasamy, S.F No. 44/2 , Kupaipalayam,
Thondamuthur, Perur Taluk, Coimbatore District 641 109

60.M/S. Ksr Bricksr Bricks Nattusengalsoolai (Ksr Bricks),
Rep. By Its Proprietor , K.T.Ramasamy , S.F. No. 390/1 , 390/2 , Thenkarai,
Perur Taluk, Coimbatore District 641 109

61. M/S. Bst Bricks,
Sf No. 468/1e, Rep. By Its Proprietor , T.Arumugam, Molapalayam, Pooluvapatti



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62.M/S. Tata Bricks ,
S.F. No. 185/1c1, Rep. By Its Proprietor , M.Rangasamy, Vandikkaranur,
Thondamuthur, Perur Taluk, Coimbatore District 641 109.

63. M/S. Avb Bricks,
S.F. No. 650/2, Rep. By Its Proprietor, Nagaraj, Vadivelampalayam, Pocluvapatti
Panchayat, Coimbatore District 641 101. (R50 To R63 Impleaded Vide Order Dt
01.12.2023 Made In Wmp.25158/2023 In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)

64.M/S.K.S.S. Bricks,
Rep By Its Proprietor Mr.Ganesh, S.F. No. 450/1a, Karamadai, Perur Taluk,
Coimbatore District- 641 101. (R64 Impleaded Vide Order Dt 01.12.2023 Made
In Wmp.26838/2023 In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj, Dbcj)

65. V.Loganathan,
S/O.Veerachamy, 4/356, Nallurvayalpathy Tribal Village, Nallur Vayal Post,
Mathuvarayapuram, Coimbatore 641 114.

66.M.Siva,
S/O.Late V.Mani, No.168, Karupparayan Kovil Street, Puliyakulam,Coimbatore
641 045.(R65 And R66 Are Impleaded As Per Order Dated 20.09.2024 In
Wmp.30346/2024 In Wp.27356/2019 By Nskj And Dbcj)

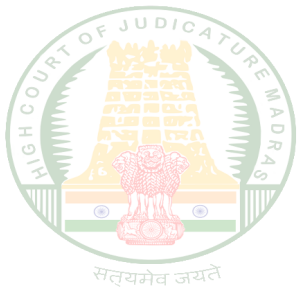
.. Respondents

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Muralidharan,
Party-in-person

For Respondents : Dr.T.Seenivasan,
Special Government Pleader (Forest),
for RR-1, 3 to 5

: R2 deleted vide order, dated 09.01.2021
made in W.M.P.No.4685 of 2021 in
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: Mr.Suchindran.B.N, Standing Counsel for R4



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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 RR- 9 to 11, 16 to
45

: RR - 12 to 15 - No Appearance

: Mr.N.Muralikumaran, Senior Counsel,
for M/s.MCGAN Law Firm, for RR- 46 to 49

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

: Mr.M.Purushothaman, for RR- 65 and 66

ORDER

Removal of Solar Panels in Ukkadam and Valankulam lakes

With reference to the removal of Solar Panels in Ukkadam and Valankulam lakes, the learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation, initially, she had instruction that the experts from Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Anaikatty (Post), Coimbatore were contacting the Corporation for the purpose of making inspection etc., and she does not have further instructions in this regard. Let the learned standing counsel get instructions and whether the necessary committee



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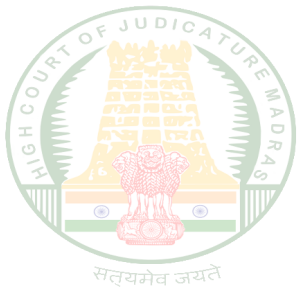
has been appointed by the Salim Ali Centre and if so appointed, let them carry out the inspection and come up with the report.

2. The learned amici curiae can also co-ordinate with them by informing the purpose of the inspection so that the process commences. With reference to the newspaper report that motor boats are still being used for the tourists, the learned Standing Counsel is requested to get instructions as already an affidavit has been filed before this Court stating that the motor boat is only used as a rescue boat and only the peddling boats alone are used by the tourists. Let a status report be filed in this regard.

3. Call on 27.03.2026.

Marudhamalai Murugan Temple & Anuvavi Subramaniyar Temple

4. Today, some more time is requested on behalf of the HR&CE Department for the purpose of identifying the sites. As requested, call on 13.03.2026. Interim order granted by this Court on 30.01.2026 to continue till then.



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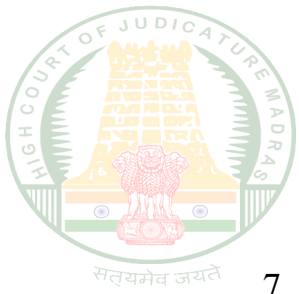
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Destruction of Ivory

5. Status report has been filed by the first respondent, wherein, it is stated that upon confirmation that 233 ivory pieces are fit for destruction, necessary orders were issued for the incineration of the said 233 ivories in accordance with the provisions of the Wild Life (Disposal of Wild Animal Article) Rules, 2023. Accordingly, 233 ivory pieces (total weight:206.415 kgs) were incinerated on 07.02.2026 in the present of officials along with learned amicus curiae and Government Advocate (Forests). Status report is taken on record.

6. Mr.Rahul Balaji, learned amicus curiae would submit that to complete the process by way of incineration of the ivory, the Department requires more than 50 lakhs as expenses. If the entire ivory after properly being pulverized and given to the factory, it can be put into incineration and it can be destroyed so that there can be cost deduction and the Government need not spend as incineration expenses and submitted that in this regard, suggestion will be given to the expert committee.

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7. Let the learned amici curiae give their suggestions to the expert committee and after such suggestions, let a further status report be filed on the next hearing date.

8. Post on 13.03.2026.

(N.S.K.J.,) (D.B.C.J.,)
20.02.2026

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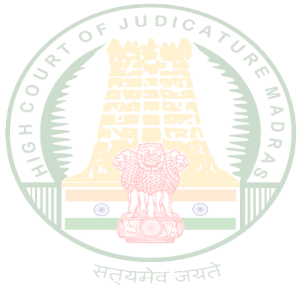
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7. Assistant Director,

Department of Geology and Mining, Coimbatore District, coimbatore
Collectorate, Coimbatore - 641018.

8. District Environmental Engineer,

Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Coimbatore North, No. 5, Ramasamy
Nagar, Kavundampalayam, Coimbatore - 641030.

9. Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director,

Sathyamangalam Tiger Rerserve Roja Nagar, Veerappanchathiram Post, Erode -
638011.

10. National Tiger Conservation Authority,

B-1 Wing, 7th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New
Delhi- 110003.

11. District Environmental Engineer,

Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Coimbatore South, Plot No. E55A, SIDCO
Industrial Estate Kurichi, Pollachi Main Road, Coimbatore - 641021.

12. Assistant Commissioner,

Office of the Assistant Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowment Department, Erode - 638009.

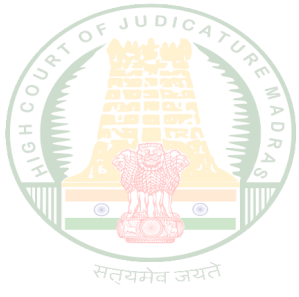
13. District Collector,

Erode District, First Floor, Collectorate, Erode-638011.

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