



W.P.No.27356 of 2019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.07.2026

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CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

W.P.No.27356 of 2019,
W.M.P.No.25955 of 2026, W.M.P.No.17831 of 2026,
W.P.(Crl.) No.934 of 2025

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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 77 Others

Respondent(s)

W.M.P.No.17831 of 2026

Mr. S.Muralidharan

Petitioner(s)

Vs

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W.M.P.No.25955 of 2026

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W.P.(Crl.) No.934 of 2025

G.Gokila and 5 others

... Petitioner (s)

Vs

The District Collector,
O/o. The District Collector – Tiruppur,
Tiruppur – 641 004 and 7 others

... Respondent(s)

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

For Respondent(s): Mr.P.V.Balasubramaniam,
Additional Advocate General,
assisted by Mr.K.Surendar,
Government Pleader and
Mr.G.Abraham Prabhu, Government Counsel
for RR1, 3 & 5

R2 – Deleted vide Court order dated 09.01.2021 in
W.M.P.No.4685 of 2021 in W.P.No.27356 of 2019

Mr.B.N.Suchindran,
Standing Counsel for R4 (TNPCB)



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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 RR9 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 & 66

Mr.Ramasamy Meiyappan for R67

R68 – Returned unserved (Insufficient Address)

Mr.V.Jayaprakash Narayanan for RR 69 to 73

Mr.P.V.Balasubramaniam,
Additional Advocate General,
assisted by Mr.K.S.Punithan,
Standing Counsel for R74 (TTDC)

Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan,
Standing Counsel for R75 (HR & CE)

Mr.Harishankar for Mr.G.Gokul for R76 & R77

Mr.D.Ferdinard for R78 (Coimbatore Corporation)

W.P.(Crl.)No.934 of 2025 :

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Nethaji

For Respondent(s): Mr.P.V.Balasubramaniam,
Additional Advocate General,
assisted by Mr.K.Surendar,
Government Pleader and
Mr.G.Abraham Prabhu, Government Counsel
for R1 & R2

Mr.A.Amarnath,
Counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu (Crl. Side)
for R3 to R8



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Mr.Vijay Narayan
Advocate General
assisted by Mr.Abishek Murthy
Standing Counsel
for Tiruppur Corporation

Amici Curiae

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

ORDER

W.M.P.Nos.25955 & 17831 of 2026 :

W.M.P.No.25955 of 2026 has been filed with a prayer not to go ahead with the proposed Theppakadu Elephant Camp modernisation project.

2.W.M.P.No.17831 of 2026 has been filed to disclose all the elephant deaths with full records, constitute an independent expert committee to conduct water and toxicology studies, remove invasive species and restore habitat.

3.Mr.G.Abraham Prabhu, learned Government Counsel, takes notice for the respondents 1 to 3 in both the petitions. Mr.B.N.Suchindran, learned Standing Counsel, takes notice for the 4th respondent in both the petitions. Mr.V.Chandraskeran, learned Senior Panel Counsel, takes notice for the 6th



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respondent in both the petitions.

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4.Issue Notice to the other respondents in both the petitions, returnable by 31.07.2026. Private Notice is also permitted.

5.For filing counter, call on 31.07.2026.

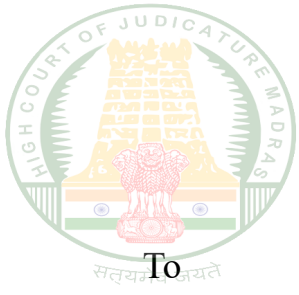
Solid Waste Management in Tiruppur District :

6.The learned Advocate General would place on record the communication from the Commissioner, Tiruppur Municipal Corporation, in which, the status of various works that are being done, is mentioned. In Para No.3, works that have been started to establish sorting out centres in Zone 1, Zone 2 and Zone 3 is mentioned. In Para No.4, the mega projects such as Bio-CNG and TPD Waste to Energy Project are mentioned. Let the further developments on the short term and long term solutions be placed on record.

7.Call on 31.07.2026.

[N.S.K.J.,] [D.B.C.J.,]
10.07.2026

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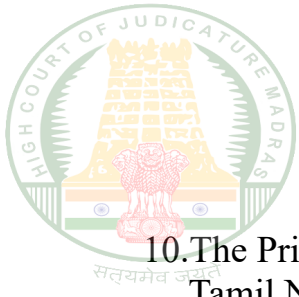


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To

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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 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 Commissioner,
Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation,
Coimbatore.

15. The Commissioner,
Tiruppur Municipal Corporation,
Tiruppur.



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