



W.P.Nos.35390 of 2023, etc.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

**WP Nos.35390 of 2023, 4043 of 2024
and 13711 and 28257 of 2022**

W.P.No.35390 of 2023

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Petitioner(s)

Vs

Union Of India
Represented By Its Mainitry Of Environemnt
Forest And Climate Change Indira Paryavaran
Bhawan Jorbagh Roa Dnew Delhi 110 003 and
5 Others

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):

M/s. SP.Chockalingam

For Respondent(s):

Dr.G. Babu
Spl. Panel Counsel, for RR 1 and 2

: Mr.A.Edwin Prabhakar
State Govt. Pleader
for RR 3 to 5

: No Appearance for R-6



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COMMON ORDER

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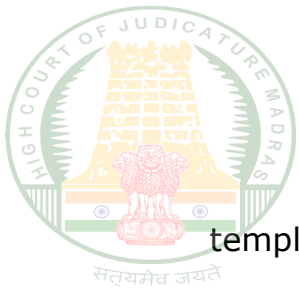
Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. In respect of the issues raised in W.P.No.28257 of 2022 and other connected petitions, this Court has issued guidelines from time to time and the petitions challenging those guidelines before the Supreme Court have been dismissed.

3. Today, when the cases come up for hearing, Mr.SP.Chockalingam, learned counsel for the petitioner in the PIL, viz., W.P.No.28257 of 2022, would suggest the following modification to be made:

“The vehicles which are deployed to transport devotees into the core area should be eco-friendly vehicles which will help reducing the emission.”

4. The learned State Counsel shall place before the Court the relevant data with regard to number of devotees who visited the



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temple during three days in the years 2024 and 2025. Four weeks' time is granted for the said purpose.

5. Though reply has been filed by some of the respondents in W.P.No.13711 of 2025, we find that the Field Director of Tiger Reserve and Chief Conservator of Forests have not filed their reply so far. The State Counsel shall ensure that respective replies are filed within four weeks.

5.1. A report shall also be submitted before the Court as to what action has been taken against those resorts, which, according to the respondent's own report, are constructed illegally and in violation of the Act and guidelines.

List all the cases on 06.11.2025.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)
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