



W.P.No.37078 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.10.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

W.P.No.37078 of 2025

and

W.M.P.Nos.41490 and 41492 of 2025

M.Thangavel

.. Petitioner

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
rep.by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration and
Water Supply Department,
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 006.
2. The Managing Director,
Directorate of Municipal Administration,
75, Urban Administrative Building,
Santhome High Road,
Raja Annamalaipuram,
Chennai – 600 028.
3. The District Collector,
Namakkal District,
Namakkal – 637 003.
4. The Tiruchengode Municipality,
Rep.by its Commissioner,
Tiruchengode – 637 211,
Namakkal District.
5. The Executive Engineer,



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Water Development Department,
Sarabanga Basin Division,
Salem – 636 007.

6. The District Environmental Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB),
Namakkal District.

.. Respondents

[R6 *suo motu* impleaded as per order of this
Court dated 23.10.2025 in W.P.No.37078 of 2025]

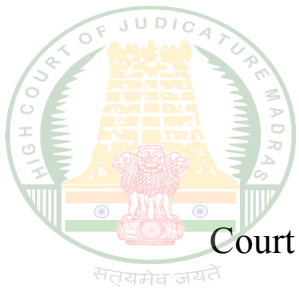
For Petitioner : Ms.M.Adhishree
For Respondents : Dr.T.Seenivasan
Special Government Pleader
for R1, R2 and R4
Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal
Additional Government Pleader
for R3 and R5
Mr.B.N.Suchindran,
Standing Counsel for TNPCB
for R6

ORDER

The District Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Namakkal District, is *suo motu* impleaded as sixth respondent to the writ petition.

2. Mr.B.N.Suchindran, learned Standing Counsel takes notice for the newly impleaded party.

3. The report that has been submitted pursuant to the order of this



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Court dated 25.09.2025, discloses the following :

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(i) that the present site is located 200 mts from the Kootappalli Lake and 70 mts from the Kootappalli Canal.

(ii) that the residential colony constructed by the Tamil Nadu Housing Board is located 75 mts from the proposed site.

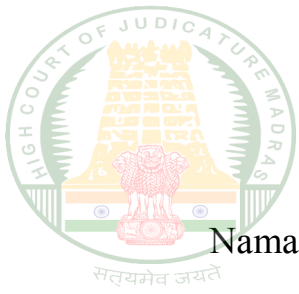
(iii) the Kootappalli Municipal Middle School and the Kootappalli Municipal Park are located within 200 mts from the site.

(iv) the local body is yet to obtain land use certificate from the DTCP for the proposed Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) site TSLR No.130/1, and

(v) there is no comment as to whether the proposed STP with Sequential Batch Reactor (SBR) technology has been approved by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board.

4. That being the position, as it violates the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board Norms for establishment of STP, *prima facie* case has been made out, and hence, the *status-quo* already granted shall continue. The newly impleaded party shall inspect the site.

5. The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Guindy, Chennai, shall depute an officer other than the District Environmental Engineer,



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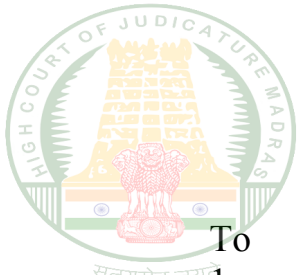
Namakkal to inspect the site and submit a report to this Court as to whether the proposed site is in accordance with the Norms in force. I am directing the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board to appoint other officer, because the District Environmental Engineer, having come to the conclusion that the Norms of the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, have been violated, has indirectly indicated that the public have no objections and they are welcoming the said project. This is not the role of the District Environmental Engineer. Hence, the aforesaid direction.

6. The District Environmental Engineer, nominated by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board will also inspect the alternative sites suggested by the petitioner and submit a report on their suitability.

7. Post the matter under the same caption along with W.P.No.35721 of 2025 on 06.11.2025.

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