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**N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**

**AND**

**D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY, J.**

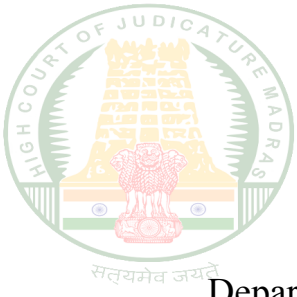
**Order Dated : 26.09.2022**

**1. With regard to the Status Report filed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest:**

In pursuant to the earlier order passed by the Full Bench, Status Report filed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests wherein it is stated that they removed Seemai Karuvelam in Tiger Reserve and Forest areas under Pilot Project for 200 Ha and the same was completed now. In such a view of the matter the department shall continue to remove the Seemai Karuvelam in other forest areas and file a report on or before 02.11.2022.

**2. With regard to the Status Report filed by the Engineer in Chief, Water Resources Department:**

The Status Report filed by the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources



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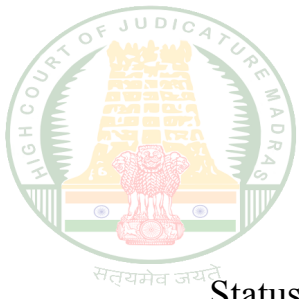
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Department and Chief Engineer (General) PWD indicates that all the water bodies where Seemai Karuvelam trees encroached have been identified. According to the Report 1,93,030.43 hectare of water bodies have been infested with Seemai Karuvelam trees. As on 31.03.2022 they have removed about 72,383.32 Hectares. A plan is also drafted for removal of remaining seemaikaruvelam trees in a phased manner by calling tenders.

2. As the entire water bodies have been identified, we direct the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department to call for a tender for all the remaining areas at once instead of calling for tenders in a phase manner, so that remaining areas can be cleared. Such a process can be completed within a period of three (3) months. So that in all the areas the remaining Seemai Karuvelam Trees will be removed from the water bodies.

**3. With regard to the Status Report filed by the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj:**

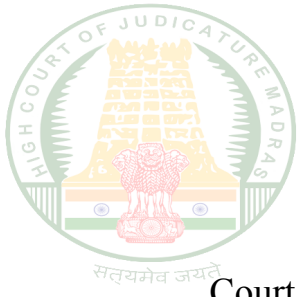
As far as the removal of Seemai Karuvelam Trees in rural areas,



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Status Report has been filed by the Commissioner of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, indicates that only 2709.30 Hectares have been removed in rural areas with the help of MGNREGA, CSR and Philanthropist contribution etc., In such a view of the matter we direct the District Collectors of each District to issue necessary instructions to all the Panchayats to remove the Seemai Karuvelam Trees in all the panchayats. Besides instruction also to be issued to the private land owners to remove the Seemai Karuvelam Trees in their patta lands at their own. The Forest Department is also directed to issue necessary permission to the private land owners to remove all the Seemai Karuvelam Trees in their private lands. Further, every District Collector has to file a Report before this Court as to the progress of the work relating to the removal of Seemai Karuvelam Trees. The Collectors can also give necessary instructions to all the Panchayats to go for a public auction for removal of the Seemai Karuvelam trees. So that private parties can participate in the auction for removal of Seemai Karuvelam Trees. Necessary instructions also to be given to all the Panchayats to replant the native plants after removal of Seemai Karuvelam Trees. All the District Collectors shall file a month wise report before this



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Court in this regard without fail.

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2. Post the matter on 02.11.2022.

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