

WP(MD) NO. 7942 of

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 16-10-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

WP(MD) NO. 7942 of 2024

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Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Government of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Principal Secretary,
Department of Rural Development-
and Panchayats,
Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009.

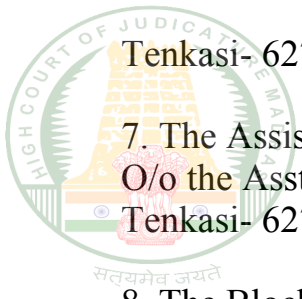
2. Government of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Principal Secretary,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.

3. The District Collector,
Tenkasi District,
Tenkasi-627811.

4. The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department (WRO),
Chittraru Basin Division,
Tenkasi-627811.

5. The Assistant Executive Engineer,
PWD-WRO,
Ramanathi Basin Sub-Divisional Office,
Kadayam- 627415,
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6. The Director,
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Collectorate,



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7. The Assistant Director (Panchayats),
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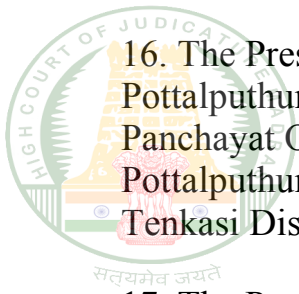
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17. The President,
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Muthaliyarpatti- 627423.

18. The President,
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Tenkasi District.

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.P.Subbiah

For Respondent(s):

Mr.Veera Kathiravan
Additional Advocate General
Assisted by
Mr.S.Vinoth for R.1 to R.7

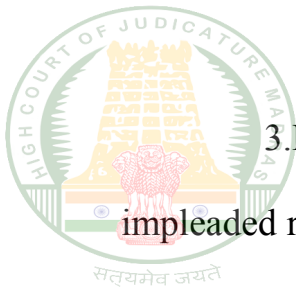
Ms.Madhuri Donti Reddy
for TNPCB

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to restore Ramanathi river in Tenkasi District in its natural status and maintain the same free from drainages, pollution and encroachments and to file a report in this regard within the period that may be fixed by this Court.

ORDER

“The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
Represented by its Member Secretary,
Chennai.” is *suo motu* impleaded as the 19th respondent.

2.Registry is directed to make necessary changes in the cause title.



3. Ms. Madhuri Donti Reddy, learned Standing Counsel takes notice for the impleaded respondent.

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4. The writ petitioner complains that Ramanadhi River that flows in Tenkasi District and joins in Thamirabarani is being heavily polluted. The petitioner has impleaded all the local bodies through whose territorial limits the river flows. The local bodies do not appear to have implemented any effective measure to prevent the pollution of the river.

5. Pollution Control Board is directed to undertake an emergent study and come out with specific technical inputs and suggestions so that Ramanadhi River can be kept free of pollution.

6. Call this case on **27.11.2025**.

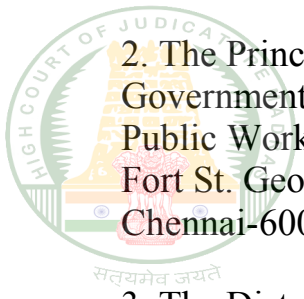
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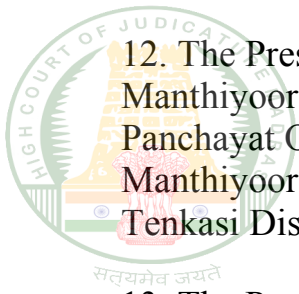
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