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W.P.(MD)NO.7942 OF 2024

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 22-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

WP(MD) NO. 7942 of 2024

1. Sivayegnesh.K  
S/o. Krishnan  
1-1/A Theradi Theru  
Ravanasamuthiram- 627424  
Tenkasi District.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

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

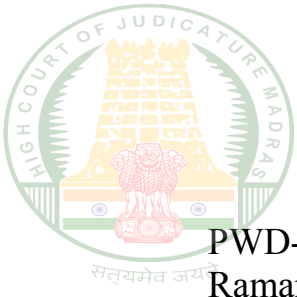
2. Government of Tamil Nadu  
rep. by its Principal Secretary  
Public Works Department  
Fort St. George  
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3. The District Collector  
Tenkasi District  
Tenkasi-627811.

4. The Executive Engineer  
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Chittraru Basin Division  
Tenkasi-627811.

5. The Assistant Executive Engineer

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PWD-WRO

Ramanathi Basin Sub-Divisional Office

Kadayam- 627415

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6. The Director  
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7. The Assistant Director (Panchayats)  
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13. The President  
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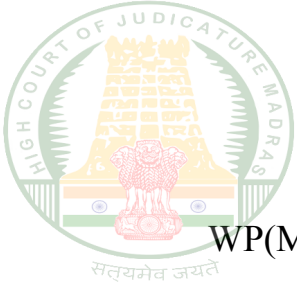
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Pappankulam- 627423  
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19. The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board  
Represented by its Member Secretary  
Chennai.  
(R19 is suo motu impleaded vide court order dated 16.10.2025 in



WP(MD)No.7942 of 2024 by GRSJ and BPJ)

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Respondent(s)

**For Petitioner(s):** Mr.P.Subbiah

**For Respondent(s):** Mr.G.V.Vairam Santhosh,  
Additional Government Pleader for R-1 to R-7.

Ms.Madhuri Donti Reddy,  
Standing Counsel for R19

Mr.D.Sadiq Raja,  
Additional Government Pleader for R-8.

No appearance for R-9 to R-18.

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 and pass such further or other orders as this Honble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case and thus render justice.

### **ORDER**

The jurisdictional Block Development Officer shall be present  
on the next hearing date.

**(G.R.SWAMINATHAN J.)      (B.PUGALENDHI J.)**

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