

WP(MD) NO. 18402 of 2018

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 18-03-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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S.Kamaraj @ Muthalakurichi
Kamaraj, S/o.Sankara Subu,
6/349, Pon Sivagami Illam,
Railway Station Road, Seydunganallur,
Thoothukudi District 628 809.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Union Of India Rep By The
Principal Secretary/the Director,
Shram Shakti Bhavan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi

2. State Of Tamilnadu,
Rep By The Principal Secretary,
T.N.Tourism & Culture & Religious Endwoments Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai 600 009.

3. State Of Tamilnadu, Rep By
The Principal Secretary,
The Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai 600 009.

4. State Of Tamilnadu, Rep By
The Principal Secretary,
Public Works Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai 600 009.

5. The District Collector,
Office Of The District Collector,
Thirunelveli.



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6. The District Collector,
Office Of The District Collector,
Thoothukudi

7. The Commissioner,
Thirunelveli Corporation,
Thirunelveli District.

8. The Superintending Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Thamirabarani Division,
Samathanapuram,
Palayamkottai,
Tirunelveli District.

(R8 is Substituted vide court order dated. 30.09.2024 in
WP(MD).18402/2018 by GRSJ and BPJ).

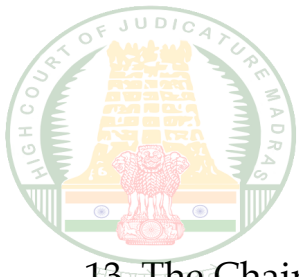
9. The Commissioner,
The Hindu Religious Charitable Endowments Department,
Chennai.

(R9 Is Suo Motu Impleaded Vide Court Order
Dt.10/12/18 In WP(MD)NO.18402/18)

10. The Municipal Commissioner,
Office of the Municipal Commissioner,
Ambasamudram Municipality,
Tirunelveli District.

11. The Municipal Commissioner,
Office of Municipal Commissioner,
Vikramasingapuram Municipality,
Tirunelveli District.

12. The Block Development Officer,
Office of The Block Development Officer,
Cheranmahadevi, Tirunelveli District.



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13. The Chairman,
Srivaikundam Town Panchayat,
Thoothukudi District.

14. The Chairman,
Alwarthirunagari Town Panchayat,
Tirunelveli District.

15. The Chairman,
Kallidaikurichi Town Panchayat,
Tirunelveli District.

16. The Chairman,
Eral Town Panchayat,
Thoothukudi District.

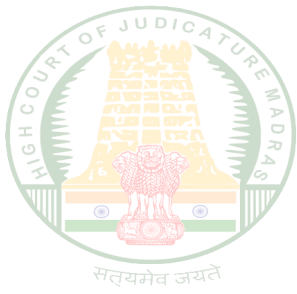
17. The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
Represented by its Chairman,
Guindy, Chennai.

18. The Environmental Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
Tirunelveli.

19. The Environmental Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
Thoothukudi.

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):	Mr.R.Alagumani
For Respondent(s):	Mr.G.Sundarrajan for R11
	Mrs.Madhuri Donti Reddy Standing Counsel for R17 to to R19.
	Mr.H.Arumugam for R4
	Mr.Veerakathiravan, Additional Advocate General
	assisted by Mr.S.R.A.Ramachandran
	Additional Government Pleader for R2, R5 to R10



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ORDER

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(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble G.R.Swaminathan J.)

We had on the previous occasion given quite a few directions to ensure that the sewage water does not flow into the river Thamirabarani.

2. The learned Additional Advocate General informs us that the said direction could not be complied with on account of the interim orders granted in W.P.(MD) No.21148 of 2024, 28121 of 2024, 30325 of 2024, 27569 of 2024 & W.P.(MD)No.28450 of 2024. Even though the said writ petitions may not directly pertain to protection of water bodies, the subject matter is inextricably linked to the protection of river Thambirabarani. The learned Additional Advocate General also informs us that Thiru.S.P.Maharajan, Special Government Pleader has already given the letters in this regard.

3. Shri.N.O.Sukhaputra, Commissioner of Tirunelveli Corporation is present in person. He states that on account of the interim order granted in the said writ petitions, the implementation of UGSS project has come to standstill. His apprehension is that if the project is not completed in a time bound manner, there will be two consequences.

A. Funds will get lapsed.

B. If the monsoon sets in, the further works cannot be carried out. As a result,



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the mixing of sewage in Thamirabarani is continuing without any control or
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abatement.

4. Taking note of the seriousness expressed by the learned Additional Advocate General as well as the Commissioner of Tirunelveli Corporation, we direct the Registry to place the papers before the Hon'ble Administrative Judge and list the said writ petitions before us after getting appropriate orders.

5. Call this case on 27.03.2025.

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S. I / II / III / IV)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

TO

1 THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY / DIRECTOR,
THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES,
RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION,
SHRAM SHAKTI BHAVAN, RAFI MARG, NEW DELHI.

2 THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
TAMIL NADU TOURISM, CULTURE AND ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, CHENNAI - 600 009.

3 THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
HR AND CE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, CHENNAI - 600 009.

4 THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
CHENNAI - 600 009.

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5 THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, TIRUNELVELI.

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6 THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, THOOTHUKUDI.

7 THE COMMISSIONER, TIRUNELVELI CORPORATION,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

8 THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
TAMIRABARANI DIVISION, SAMATHANAPURAM, PALAYAMKOTTAI,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

9 THE COMMISSIONER,
HR AND CE DEPARTMENT, CHENNAI.

10 THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER,
AMBASAMUDRAM MUNICIPALITY,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

11 THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER,
VIKRAMASINGAPURAM MUNICIPALITY,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

12 THE BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICER,
CHERANMAHADEVI, TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

13 THE CHAIRMAN, SRIVAIKUNDAM TOWN PANCHAYAT,
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.

14 THE CHAIRMAN,
ALWARTHIRUNAGARI TOWN PANCHAYAT,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

15 THE CHAIRMAN, KALLIDAIKURUCHI TOWN PANCHAYAT,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.

16 THE CHAIRMAN, ERAL TOWN PANCHAYAT
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.



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17 THE CHAIRMAN, TAMIL NADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD,
GUINDY, CHENNAI.

18 THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER,
TAMIL NADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD,
TIRUNELVELI.

19 THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER,
TAMIL NADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD,
THOOTHUKUDI.

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