

W.P.(MD)No.30277 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 19.01.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **DR.JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN**
AND
THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN**

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and
W.M.P.(MD)No.23462 of 2025

Ponmani Baskaran

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Office of the Collectorate, Tiruchirappalli District.

2.The District Collector,
Office of the Collectorate, Sivagangai District.

3.The District Revenue Officer,
Collector Office, Tiruchirappalli - 620 001.

4.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Revenue Divisional Office,
Srirangam, Navalurkottapattu,
Tiruchirappalli - 620 027.

5.The District Environmental Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
Corporate Complex,
Sivagangai - 630 561.

6.The District Environmental Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,



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No. 25, Developed Plots, Thuvakudy,
Trichy - 620 015.

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7.The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department,
District Collectorate Office,
Sivagangai - 630 562.

8.The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department,
EVR Road, Bharathi Nagar,
Tiruchirappalli - 620 017.

9.The Superintending Engineer,
Water Resources Department,
Lower Vaigiai Basin Circle,
Sivagangai - 630 562.

10.The Executive Engineer,
Water Resources Department,
Heber Road, Bhima Nagar,
Sangiliyandapuram,
Tiruchirappalli – 620 001.

11.The Thasildhar,
Marungapuri Taluk,
M.Kallupatti,
Trichy - 621 314.

12.The Executive Officer,
Ponnampatti, Thuvarankurichy,
Trichy District – 621 314.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to stop the construction of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in Thuvarankurichi Village, Marungapuri Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District, without following the procedures laid down in G.O(Ms)No.29 dated 21.03.2020 issued by



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Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Environment and Forest and obtaining all prior consents and permissions from the appropriate authorities as mandated by law.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.R.Rajagopal
Senior Counsel
for Mr.A.S.Vaigunth

For Respondents : Mr.M.Ajmal Khan(R1 to R4 &R7 to R12)
Additional Advocate General
Assisted by
Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader

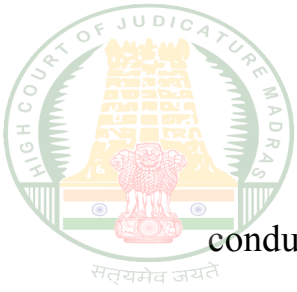
: Ms.Madhuri Donti Reddy (R5 & R6)
Standing Counsel

ORDER

(Order of the Court was delivered by **DR.G.JAYACHANDRAN, J.**)

This writ petition is filed as a Public Interest Litigation questioning the decision of the Government to establish Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in Thuvarankurichi Village, Marungapuri Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District, on the ground that the guidelines issued by the Government under G.O.Ms.No.29, dated 21.03.2020 had not been followed by the respondents before floating the tender for construction of STP.

2.According to the learned counsel for the writ petitioner without obtaining Consent to Establish, Consent to Operate and without



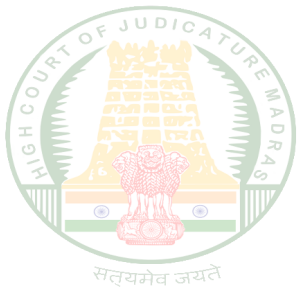
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conducting public hearing, the Government has decided to proceed with the construction of STP in the subject property contrary to the guidelines issued by the Government. His further case is that the proposed site for construction of STP is within 350 meters of the School, which falls under the restricted distance.

3.The learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the official respondents states that only after properly considering the representation of the public, the site has been chosen for establishing the plan. Further, the request/application for Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate had not been considered by the Pollution Control Board in view of the pendency of the present writ petition.

4.The learned Additional Advocate General for the official respondents circulated a communication of the Pollution Control Board, wherein it is stated that the request/application for Consent to Operate and Consent to Establish had been returned to the local body to resubmit the same after the disposal of the present writ petition.



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5. In view of the counter filed by the fifth and sixth respondents and the 12th respondent, and having regard to the factual dispute relating to the distance and other aspects, we are of the view that it would be appropriate to direct the Pollution Control Board to receive the application from the Local Body, scrutinize and dispose of the same in accordance with law.

6. In view of the above, the Local Body is directed to resubmit the application for Consent to Operate and Consent to Establish to the Pollution Control Board within a period of one week from today (19.01.2026). On receipt of the same, the Pollution Control Board is directed to dispose of the said application on or before 18.02.2026.

7. List the matter on 18.02.2026.

[G.J., J.] & [K.K.R.K., J.]
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