

SECTION XII
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

**PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL(CIVIL) Nos.
23633-23634 OF 2010 AND 26608 OF 2011**

Vellore District Environment
Monitoring Committee etc. ...Petitioners

versus

The District Collector,
Vellore District & Ors. Etc. ...Respondents

OFFICE REPORT

The matters above mentioned were listed before the Hon'ble Court on 7th April, 2015, when the Hon'ble Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

"Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Reference may be made to the Order dated 20.2.2015, which reads as under :-

"Learned counsel for the respondent No. 2 - The Tamil Nadu Pollution control Board reported that no pollution is being caused by the leather and other industries situated nearer to Palar river in the district Vellore, Tamil Nadu. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that there is still pollution in the river Palar. On the directions of the Court, the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board-second respondent made inspection and submitted report with regard to stretches 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the river Palar. It is reported that there is no more pollution in river Palar within the stretches aforesaid at the instance of the industries. However, according to the learned counsel for the petitioner, there is still pollution in the river Palar due to which some of the persons recently get affected.

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In view of the contradictory stand taken by the parties, we are of the view that the report should be obtained from Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi. We accordingly, implead Central Pollution Control Board, through its Chairman, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi - 110 032 as party respondent.

Let notice be issued on the Central Pollution Control Board returnable in four weeks. Dasti, in addition, is permitted.

On their appearance, the Court may direct them to make inspection of river Palar and the industries, municipalities and other sources discharging affluents in the river at various locations of the Vellore district and submit report, analysis along with maps. The State Pollution Control Board will cooperate the Central Pollution Control Board."

Today Mr. Vijay Panjwani, learned counsel appeared for the Central Pollution Control Board (in short 'the CPCB').

We, accordingly, direct the CPCB to make inspection and submit report with regard to the stretches 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the river Palar including the Common Effluent Treatment Plant (in short 'the CETP').

The report shall be submitted within three weeks.

Let these matters be listed on 12th May, 2015.

In the meantime, Mr. T. Mohan, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners in S.L.P.(C) Nos. 23633-23634 of 2010 and for respondents in SLP(C) No. 26608 of 2011 is directed to supply all the relevant documents to the learned counsel appearing for the CPCB. Learned counsel for the petitioners shall also furnish a list of those industries which are directly or indirectly discharging affluents in the river."

It is submitted that pursuant to above quoted order, Counsel for the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has not filed any report with regard to the stretches 1 to 6 of the river Palar in both the matters so far.

It is further submitted that counsel for the petitioner in SLP(C) Nos. 23633-23634 of 2010 and for the respondent in SLP(C) No. 26608 of 2011, has neither filed proof with regard to supply of the documents to the counsel for the Central Pollution Control Board nor furnished the list in the both the above mentioned matters.

The matters above mentioned are listed before the Hon'ble Court with this office report.

Dated this, the 11th day of May, 2015.

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