

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI

Original Application No.124 of 2020 (SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Tribunal on its own motion Suo Motu Based on the news item in Tamil Newspaper Dinamalar, Chennai Edition dated 15.07.2020, "Can anyone enter into set right? The trouble that Has come for Sunnambu Kolathur Lake."

With

The Principal Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Govt. Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

Report filed by the Block Development Officer, St Thomas Mount Panchayat Union

I, D Harikrishnan, son of S.D.Damodharan, age 45 years, working as Block Development Officer (Village Panchayats), St Thomas Mount Panchayat Union, having office at No.1, Chitlapakkam 1st Main Road, Chitlapakkam, Chennai – 600064 reports as follows:

1. I respectfully submit that the National Green Tribunal (SZ) had Suo Motu registered the case (OA.No.124/2020) based on the Dinamalar newspaper publication and made an order dated.27.07.2020. The tank mentioned in the order, which belongs to the Public Works Department, comes under the jurisdiction of Kovilambakkam Panchayat, St.Thomas Mount Block.
2. The Hon'ble tribunal had appointed a Joint Committee to go into the question and directed the joint committee to file a report on the same. Based on the directions, the Joint

Committee had filed a report. The Joint Committee suggested action plan in short and long term for carrying out Solid Waste Management as mentioned below.

3. Action taken by the respective local body is mentioned following the suggestions and recommendations.

Action Plan suggested by the Joint Committee

Short Term Remedies:

- Kovilambakkam Village Panchayat has proposed to collect all the solid waste dumped in the roadsides and in the area in question Sunnambu Kolathur Lake within a month time.
- The Village Panchayat has proposed to issue notice to the public and to the households not to dump the waste on the road sides and in the area in question, and to issue pamphlets regarding the source segregation of the solid waste within a month time.
- Persons dumping solid waste on the road side and in the area in question will be identified and fine will be imposed as per the provisions of the Local Body Act within a month time.
- The Village Panchayat has proposed to identify the households letting out sullage/ sewage into the Sunnambu Kolathur Lake to take action to plug the same, and to impose fine under the provisions of the Local Body Act within a month time.

Action taken by the Kovilambakkam Village Panchayat:

- The Village Panchayat carried out cleaning activities in and around the petitioned site Sunnambu Kolathur Lake and the above said site is now maintained well and no garbage is dumped in the area in question Sunnambu Kolathur Lake.
- To prevent the people from dumping of wastes in and around the area in question, the Panchayat administration has placed 8 large bins around the lake.
- Other than this, Sanitary Workers on a daily basis collecting the solid wastes from the households, commercial shops, MSMEs and from the roads coming under the jurisdiction of the panchayat.
- As per the recommendations, Panchayat administration issued notices/ pamphlets to the public to create awareness among them explaining the usefulness of the natural water tanks/ to prevent dumping of solid wastes in public places and also stating the roles and responsibilities of the citizens mentioned under the Scheme Swatchh Bharath Abhiyan.
- Village Panchayat also placed warning/ awareness board to prevent the people from dumping of wastes in public areas and also in the area in question Sunnambu Kolathur Lake.

Long Term Remedies:

- The Village Panchayat has proposed to carry out Door to Door collection of segregated solid waste from the village panchayat area to 100% within three months.

- The Village Panchayat has proposed to carry out establishment of a Micro Composting Centre for composting of the segregated biodegradable waste at survey no.432 of Kovilambakkam Village and to dispose the non-biodegradable waste through the recycling facilities within three months.
- The Village panchayat has proposed to provide a treatment system to intercept sewage entering the lake and to treat the same within three months.

Action taken by the Kovilambakkam Village Panchayat:

- In Kovilambakkam Village Panchayat, Door to Door collection of solid wastes from the households, Commercial shops, hotels and MSMEs is being implemented on the daily basis starting from 6 AM to 2 PM. Due to this process, dumping of garbages in public places has greatly reduced.
- Day to Day collection of wastes are stored in a place, Survey no. 432 surrounded by a compound wall and the Solid wastes are segregated by the Sanitary workers of the respective Panchayat.
- The segregated wastes are taken to Kolathur dumping yard which comes under the jurisdiction of Katangulathur Panchayat Union.
- Non-Biodegradable wastes segregated from the above are sent to the Plastic Shredding Unit situated at Singaperumal Koil on an interval based on the volume segregated.

Action taken based on the Recommendations of the Joint Committee

1. Kovilambakkam Panchayat, which comes under the jurisdiction of St.Thomas Mount Block is having a total population of 56000 (approx.). There are presently 47 Sanitary Workers employed in the panchayat. With the aid of 3 Tractors, 12 E-Carts, 5 Tricycles, 5 Push Carts and 1 rented Lorry, Door to Door collection of Solid wastes is being carried out by the Panchayat Sanitary Workers. The village panchayat is now more cautious and taking all measures in preventing the dumping of wastes in the natural water tank of Sunnambu Kolathur.
2. To carry out this more effectively, Village Panchayat has placed 8 Large sized Garbage bins around the area in question and placed warning /notice boards stating "Do not dump wastes in the water body, failure to comply with, action will be initiated". To keep the Village clean and hygiene, weekly mass cleaning activities are being carried out by cleaning all the roads and public places completely and chlorination done in a regular interval to prevent the spread of diseases.
3. Collected wastes are being stored temporarily in a land, survey no. 432 surrounded and protected by compound wall. Stored wastes are segregated by the Sanitary workers and transferred to the Kolathur Dumping yard coming under the jurisdiction of Katangulathur Panchayat Union. An amount of Rs.1000/- is paid per Load /Lorry to dump the wastes in the Kolathur dumping yard. Plastic wastes which are segregated from the collected solid wastes are taken to the Plastic Shredding Unit situated in Singaperumal Koil in an interval based on the amount of the plastic wastes. Further, action has been initiated to the Kovilambakkam Panchayat President officially to issue notices and levy fines to the residents who are letting out sewage water in the storm water drainage as per the Local

Body Act. In addition to this, proposal has been sent to Government through the District Collector, Chengalpattu District seeking permission to dump legacy waste after processing the wet waste and plastic waste at Perungudi dumping yard through R.C.No. 0753/2022/B1, dated.27.06.2022 for easy disposal & lessen expenses for effective management of Solid Wastes. Additionally, revenue documents related to the lake is also attached with this letter.

Hence, in the above circumstances, it is respectfully prayed that the National Green Tribunal South Zone may be pleased to pass orders or other orders may be deemed fit and proper according to the circumstances and thus render justice.

Signed:



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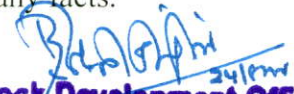
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**Block Development Officer (V.Pt)
Punithomaiyar Malai
Panchayat Union**

Verification

I, D.Harikrishnan, Block Development Officer, (Village Panchayats) St Thomas Mount Panchayat Union do hereby verified the contents of this Report and they are true to my personal knowledge based on the records and I have not suppressed any facts.

Signature:



Official stamp:

**Block Development Officer (V.Pt)
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1. FMB Sketch (copy).
2. A register copy.
3. Copy of report submitted by VAO, Madipakkam II, Shollinganallur taluk.
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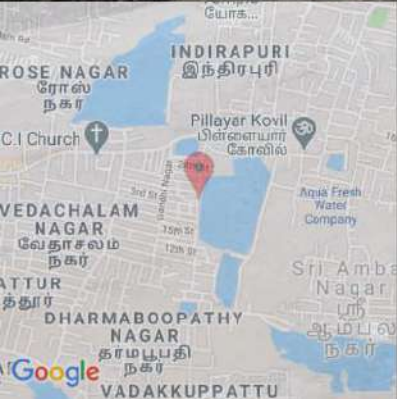


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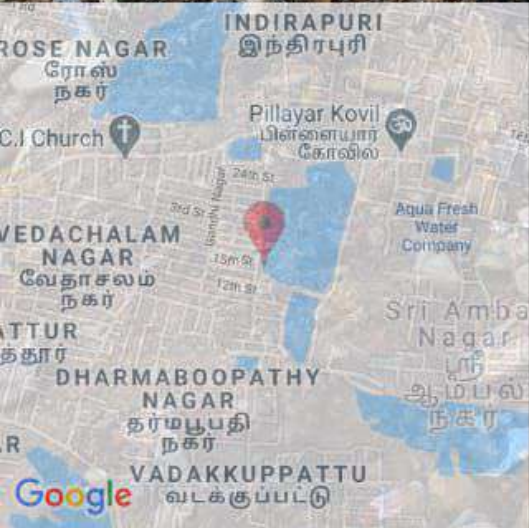
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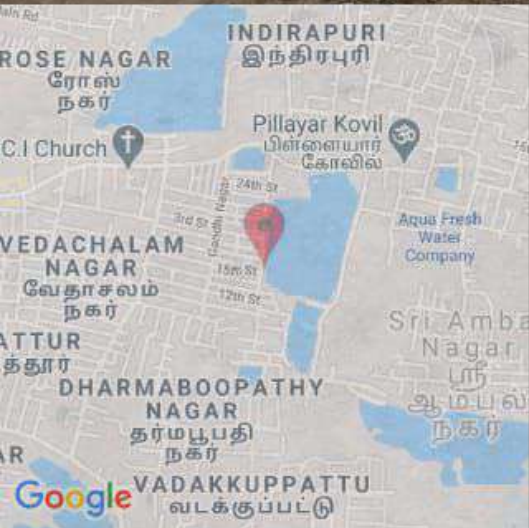
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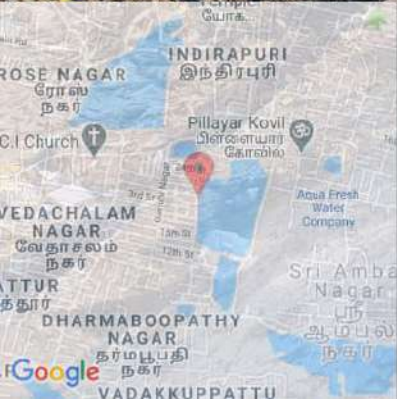
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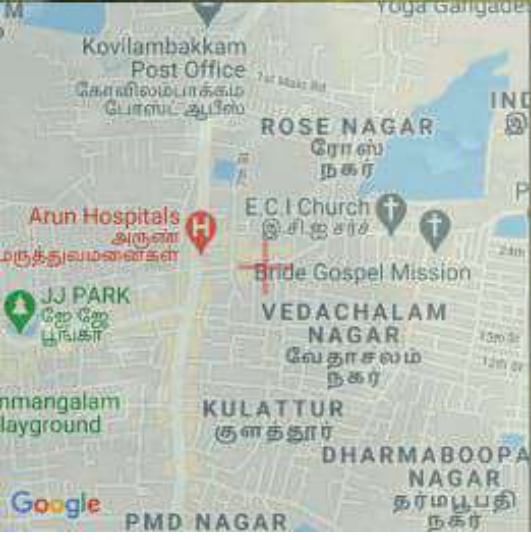
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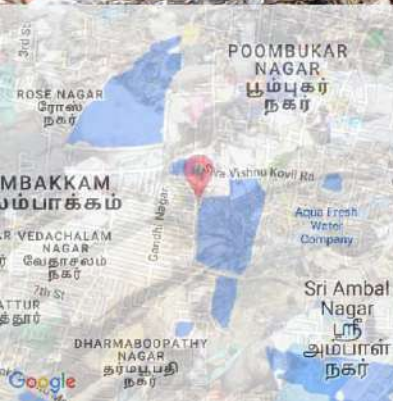
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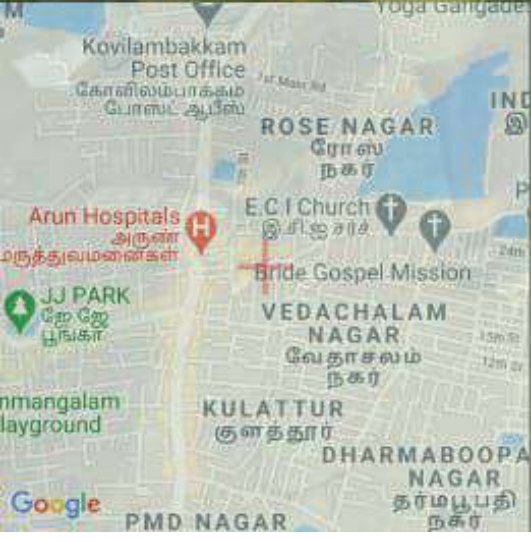
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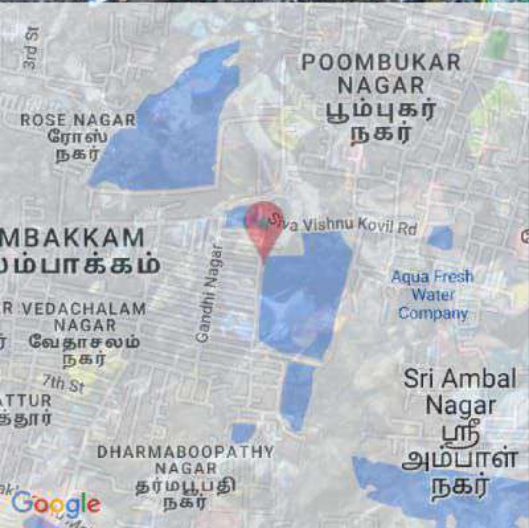
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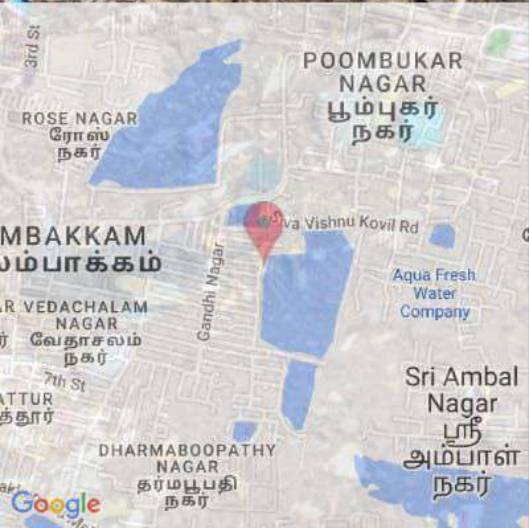
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