

**BEFORE THE HONOURABLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

In

Appeal No.14 of 2022(SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Sri.M. Yuvadeeban, Chennai....Applicant(s)

Vs

Department of Fisheries,  
Govt. of Tamil Nadu and Ors.

...Respondent(s)



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**Status Report on Appeal No.14 of 2022 (SZ) filed before the  
Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai.**

The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (SZ) in its order dated 14-11-2022 has ordered as follows:-

- 1. Heard all the Learned Counsels in part regarding the location of the harbor at Azhagankuppam.*
- 2. Learned Counsels appearing for the State authorities are directed to file their independent report based on the submissions made today. The Fisheries Department may consider whether the design of the present project can be modified. The Forest Department is also directed to file a report regarding the impact of beach/sand accretion and erosion on the nesting zone of the Olive Ridley Turtle.*
- 3. The applicant is also directed to file a report on the adverse impact of construction of the training wall on the nesting of the Olive Ridley Turtles.*
- 4. Post the matter on 29.11.2022.*

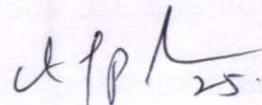
In response to the orders, it is submitted that the District Forest Officer, Villupuram has reported that the newly proposed site for construction of training wall of fishing harbor falls in Alamparaikuppam of Chengalpattu district. Based on the previous year's turtle nest data, the proposed training wall is located at about 500 meters North to the turtle nests in Villupuram District. Hence it has very minimal impact on the turtle nesting site in Villupuram.

Regarding erosion and accretion of sand due to the newly proposed training wall in Alamparaikuppam, information / expertise is not available; however the Fisheries Department has assured periodic assessment of coast and taking up mitigation measures involving shoreline experts.

The operation of lights in Fishing harbor and training wall area during the turtle nesting season shall cause disorientation of female turtles approaching coasts for laying eggs and also loss of direction of the hatchlings emerging from nests. The operation of lights should be fully restricted during the turtle nesting season (mostly from the month of November to March). The Fisheries Department has assured to take up mitigation and turtle conservation measures involving reputed organizations.

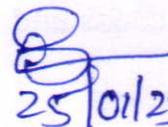
Further the Conservator of Forests, Chennai has reported that one turtle nesting has been reported at Alambaraikuppam, Thandumari Amman Koil, Velambur where training wall of fishing Harbour is proposed. Turtle nesting is common along the coast of Chengalpattu District. Thus, suitable mitigation measures should be taken up by the Fisheries Department in consultation with the Forest Department and expert organization in turtle conservation and coastal conservation to minimize impact of the project on turtle nesting and other marine wildlife. The Fisheries Department should also implement mitigation plan including mangrove restoration activities at Alamparaikuppam to strengthen ecological resistance

The above said facts are submitted before the Hon'ble Tribunal for consideration.

 25.1.2023

for Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
and Chief Wildlife Warden

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