

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI
Original Application No.180 of 2023 (SZ) &
I.A. No.128 of 2023 (SZ)
AND
Original Application No.183 of 2023 (SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Tribunal on its own motion SUO MOTU based
on the Visual media titled Chennai Rains Makkalai
Vathaikkum Oil Companies - Shocking Story -
Michaung Ground Report covered by on
VIKATAN TV Chennai dt. 06.12.2023.

With

The District Collector
Chennai District and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

AND

R.L. Srinivasan,
Chennai.

...Applicant (s)

Versus

The Tamil Nadu Coastal Zone Management Authority,
Rep. by its Member Secretary,
Chennai and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

MEMO FILED BY THE COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT NO. 2

1. It is submitted that the above-mentioned Original Application came up for hearing on 27.02.2024 before the Hon'ble Tribunal, and the Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to pass the following orders directing the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board to file a reporting state the;
 - i. Conditions of the Mangroves, if any of them are dead
 - ii. The number of Mangroves which have been cut, if any

2. It is submitted that a Communication, dt. 25.03.2024, was received from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Wetlands Authority & Chief Mission Director, Green Tamil Nadu Mission (FAC), in respect of the restoration works carried out on Mangroves at Ennore Greek. The same is attached as an annexure to this Memo.

It is therefore, humbly prayed before this Hon'ble Tribunal may be pleased to take this Memo on record and pass such further or other orders as this Hon'ble Tribunal may deem fit and necessary and thus render justice.

Dated at Chennai on this the 2nd day of April, 2024



COUNSEL FOR 2nd RESPONDENT

TAMILNADU FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

Thiru.Deepak Srivastava, I.F.S.,
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
and Member Secretary,
Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority &
Chief Mission Director,
Green Tamil Nadu Mission (FAC),
Panagal Maaligai,
Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015.

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
and Chairperson,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
76, Mount Salai,
Guindy,
Chennai – 600 032.

Ref.No.GTM/ 1572 /2023, Date. 25.03.2024

Madam,

Sub : Forests – Green Tamil Nadu Mission – TNPCB – Industries – Oil
Spillage in Kosasthalaiyar River, Buckingham Canal & Ennore
Creek due to Cyclone Michaung – Hon'ble NGT Suo Moto OA
No.180 of 2023 – Certain details submitted– Regarding.

Ref : 1. Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
Lr.No.T6/TNPCB/F.12753/2023-1, dated.05.03.2024
2. The District Forest Officer, Tiruvallur C.No.4693/2022/D,
dated.19.03.2024
3. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai
Ref.No.P/321/2024, dated.20.03.2024.

It is informed that detailed report has been received from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai in the reference 3rd cited in respect of restoration works carried out on mangrove at Ennore Greek, Chengalpattu District consequent to Michaung Cyclone which caused oil spill in the area.

2) It is stated that, total of about 60 ha mangrove area has been affected by the oil spills in the Ennore Greek. Hence, Based on the study report, the affected areas has been categories into moderately damaged and severely damaged area. The assessment showed that about 20 ha was severely damaged and 40 ha was found to be moderately damaged owing to oil spill during December 2023 in Ennore Greek area. Further, the affected foliages of 5000 number of mangroves were only pruned so as to induce fresh growth as per the standard methodologies in consultation with reputed institutions. The works were carried out involving the local fishermen communities and collected pruned waste in about 5081 bags. The remnants of oil

slicks which is deposited on the soil surface was cleared using water sprayers, hydrojets and other equipments.

3) The Chief Conservator of Forests, Chennai Circle, Chennai has stated in the report that there are no casualties of mangroves till date and continuous monitoring and assessment is being carried out for the healthy survival of the mangroves.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: as above

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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member
Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Wetland
Authority & Chief Mission Director
Green Tamil Nadu Mission (FAC)

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