

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI.

Original Application No.83 of 2020 (SZ)

Tribunal on its own motion
Suo Motu based on the News Item in
Dinamalar, Chennai News paper
Dt.15.06.2020, "Indifference in
Maintenance inspite of de-silting
Sadayanguppam lake has become a Gutter"

...Applicant(s)

Vs

- 1 The Principal Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai.
- 2 The Secretary of Govt. of Tamil Nadu
Department of Environment,
Govt. Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600 009.
- 3 Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Tamil Nadu
Municipal Administration and Water Supply
Department,
Govt. Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600 009.
- 4 The District Collector,
Tiruvallur District,
First Floor, Collectorate,
Thiruvallur – 602 001.
- 5 Greater Chennai Corporation,
Rep. by its Commissioner,
Ripon Building,
Chennai – 600 003.
- 6 The Chairman,
Tamil Nadu State Pollution Control Board,
Chennai.

...Respondents

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JOINT CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
TAMIL NADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
76, MOUNT SALAI, GUINDY,
CHENNAI - 600 032.

REPORT FILED ON BEHALF OF THE 6TH RESPONDENT
TAMIL NADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD.

I, G. Gopalakrishnan, son of Thiru. V. Gandhi, Hindu, aged about 57 years, having office at No.76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai-600 032, do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows:-

1. I am the Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board and I am filing this Report on behalf of the 6th Respondent Board and as such I am well acquainted with the facts of the case as per records.

2. It is respectfully submitted that the Hon'ble NGT (SZ) has passed order dated 19.06.2020 and directed inter alia as follows:-

“we feel it appropriate to appoint a Joint Committee comprising of District Collector, Chennai, Executive Engineer of PWD, Kosasthalaiyar Basin Division and Assistant Engineer, Irrigation Section, Cholavaram and senior officer or scientist deputed by the Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Pollution Control Board to inspect the lake in question and submit a status as well as action taken report, if there is any violation found”.

3. It is respectfully submitted that in pursuance to the above said NGT order, the alleged site of Sadayankuppam Lake was inspected by the DEE, TNPCB, Ambattur on 13.07.2020 along with Joint Committee members as constituted by the Hon'ble NGT vide Order dated 19.06.2020.

During Inspection, the Lake was found dry. There are no industrial units located around the lake. It was also noticed that there was no discharge of sewage let into the lake. It was reported by the PWD

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department that inside the lake there is a patta land for doing agriculture and the water will be available only during rainy season. Samples could not be collected since the lake was dry.

4. It is further submitted that, further the lake was inspected by the officials of the DEE, TNPCB, Ambattur on 13.11.2020, the water was found in the lake due to rain and samples have been collected and sent for analysis.

Under the above circumstances, it is humbly prayed that this Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (Southern Zone) may be pleased to pass such further or other orders as this Hon'ble Tribunal may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of this case and thus render justice.


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BEFORE ME

VERIFICATION

I, G.Gopalakrishnan, S/o. Thiru. V. Gandhi, working as Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai - 600032, do hereby submit that the contents of the above report are true to the best of my knowledge through records.

Verified at Chennai on this 16th day of November, 2020.


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