

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
SOUTHERN ZONE AT CHENNAI**

**ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 92 OF 2017 (SZ)**

**ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 23 OF 2018 (SZ)**

**IN THE MATTER OF:-**

Puganur Consumer Protection Council (Regd. No. 32/92P)

Represented by its Advisor S. Vijayakumar,

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Nagapattinam Dist,

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---The Applicant

-Vs-

The District Collector,

Mayiladuthurai District,

Mayiladuthurai

The Executive Engineer

Water Resources Department

Cauvery Basin Division (East)

Mayiladuthurai and Ors.

---The Respondents

**Report of action taken by Water Resources Department, Cauvery Basin Division(E), Mayiladuthurai based on the orders on O.A 92 of 2017 & 23 of 2018 before the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Chennai.**

I, Shanmugam son of Velayutham, age 59, working as Executive Engineer, Water Resources Department, Cauvery Basin Division (East), Mayiladuthurai. I am well acquainted with the facts of this case from the available records. I am filing this interim report on behalf of the Water Resources Department.

In view of the of Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern zone, Chennai orders dated on 06.10.2021, 17.11.2021 & 03.02.2022 and in compliance with recommendations of the joint committee appointed by the Tribunal, this detailed report of actions taken by WRD, Cauvery Basin Division(E), Mayiladuthurai is hereby humbly submitted.

***I. Regarding the maintenance of Cauvery River, Pazhancauvery channel and Pattamangalam Channel.***

It is submitted that Cauvery River, Pazhancauvery channel and Pattamangalam channel in Mayiladuthurai town are being properly maintained by the Water Resources department.

Since the desilting of Channels and Rivers can be carried out only once in three years, we have adopted blockage removal works annually in Palancauvery and Pattamangalam channel portions in Mayiladuthurai town in order to remove various waste dumped and weeds grown in channels and to ensure free flow of water. As such blockages in these two channels were removed last year in the month of

June. Due to this most of the major tanks in Mayiladuthurai town such as Chandrikulam, Mamarathumedai kulam, Thookanan kulam, Semmankulam, Kannankulam, Mattakulam have been filled multiple times during last year monsoon.

It is also submitted that for this year also steps have been taken to carry out the blockage removal works in Palancauvery and Pattamangalam channels in the month of June through maintenance scheme.

***II. Regarding removal of encroachments in Cauvery River and Pazhancauvery channel.***

It is submitted that, as per *Tamil Nadu Protection of Tanks and Eviction of encroachment rules 2007*, steps were taken by Water Resources Department to evict the 112 nos. of listed encroachments in Cauvery River and Pazhancauvery channel.

As such 22 encroachments were evicted on 16.11.2020 in Mayiladuthurai town and 24 encroachments were evicted on 04.12.2021 in Moovalur village. Since the remaining 66 nos. of encroachments are mostly Huts, Tiled roof houses and Thatched houses, finding of suitable alternate resettlement for the house holds is in process with the Revenue Department.

It is submitted that after getting the resettlement or alternate arrangement plan from the Revenue department for the houses they will be evicted as per the Hon'ble NGT order. It is humbly submitted

evicted areas have been protected by erecting demarcation stones and being monitored regularly to prevent any further encroachments.

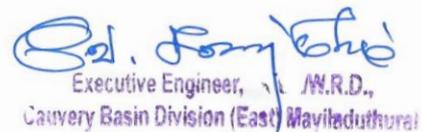
In view of the above, it is therefore prayed that this Honourable Tribunal may be pleased to accept this interim report and may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of this case and thus render justice.



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Cauvery Basin Division (East) Mayiladuthurai

### **Verification**

I, Mr V. Shanmugam, Executive Engineer, WRD, Cauvery Basin Division(E),Mayiladuthurai at the seventh respondent herein 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.



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