

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL – (SOUTH ZONE)

CHENNAI

Application No. O.A. 125 / 2021

B. Balakrishnan,
S/o. Rengarajan,
Lalpuram & Post,
Chidambaram Taluk,
Cuddalore District .

.... Applicant

-Vs-

1. The District Collector,
Cuddalore District.
2. The Sub Collector,
Chidambaram.
3. The Thasildar,
Chidambaram.
4. The Commissioner,
Chidambaram Municipality.
5. The Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. Chidambaram.
6. The District Environmental Officer,
TNPCB, Cuddalore.
7. The Executive Engineer,
Tamil Nadu Water & Drainage Board,
Cuddalore.
8. The Block Development Officer,
Kumaratchi Panchayat Union,
Cuddalore District.

.... Respondents

REPORT SUBMITTED BY HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS
DEPARTMENT REGARDING THEPPOTSAVAM

With reference to the NGT order dated 06.08.2021 on O.A no 125 of 2021, I hereby submit the report on behalf of Hindu religious and charitable endowments department regarding conducting of theppotsavam in Gnanaprakasam tank.

Gnanaprakasam tank is located inside Chidambaram town and is under the control of the Chidambaram Municipality. It is kindly submitted that this tank is not associated to any temple under the HR&CE department. Every year, during the festivals of Aani thirumanjanam and Arudhra Darisanam, this tank gains significance. During the last day of the above mentioned festivals, Theppotsavam used to occur in this temple tank. Based on the field enquiry with public and Natraja temple deekshitaras, it is known that it has been more than 15 years this tradition happened. There is a math in the northern side of this tank. A special event where public give Silk sarees to Goddess Ambal happens on the eve of Diwali every year.

Due to the intrusion of untreated sewage water from the surrounding houses into the tank, this tradition has been discontinued. Restoration of the tank was undertaken by municipality with the help of NGO – Environmental foundation of India (EFI) in the year 2019. The tank was desilted, bund strengthened and the boundaries were fenced. If steps could be taken to arrest the incoming sewage water from the surrounding areas, and to re-build the mandapam which is in the centre of the tank, the tradition of theppotsavam in the Gnanaprakasam tank can be ensured.

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27/08/2021
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இந்து சமய அறநிலையத்துறை,
சிதம்பரம்.