

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL**

**SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

**Original Application No. 170 of 2024(SZ)**

**In the matter of:**

**Tribunal on its own motion SUO MOTU**

**Based on the News item in Dinamalar,**

**Chennai edition, Newspaper dt: 09.05.2024,**

**Under the caption, “Encroachment by**

**dumping construction waste along the**

**banks of Aminthakarai Koovam”**

**And**

**The Chief Secretary to Govt. of Tamil Nadu,**

**Chennai and Others.**

**...Respondent(s)**

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**Through  
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Southern Zone, Chennai  
Date: 07.01.2025**

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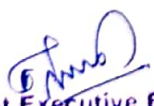
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STATUS REPORT FILED BY THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FOUR  
LANE ELEVATED ROAD FROM CHENNAI PORT TO MADURAVOYAL (NH 4):

I, G.R Radhakrishna, son of Govindarajulu Ramalingam, aged above 51 years, officiating as Executive Engineer in the Water Resources Department and having my office at the PWD Campus, Chepauk, Chennai - 5, do solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows:

I humbly submit that I am presently working as Executive Engineer in the Water Resources Department and hence I am acquainted with the facts and circumstances of available records. I am filing this status report on behalf of Water Resources Department.

1. I humbly submit that As per the direction of the Chief Secretary, the Principal Secretary, to Government (MA&WS) has conducted a meeting on 02.09.2024 with all stakeholders to discuss the smooth flow of floods in the Cooum River. Post meeting the Regional Officer, NHAI, Chennai vide Lr: NHAI/ 11015/435.38/RO Chennai/2024/2597 dt: 19.09.2024, has stated that the 89 temporary platforms are formed and out of which, 69 platforms will be removed before 30th September 2024 and the balance 20nos will be removed by 10th October 2024 and as stated in meeting on 02.09.2024. It is also stated that the removed materials will be stacked along the Cooum River bund itself. The

  
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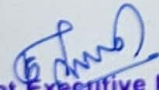
program schedule for removal of temporary platforms was shared with the Water Resource Department on 20.09.2024.


2. I humbly submit that, The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Southern Zone, Chennai, during the trial on 03.10.2024 over the OA No. 170/2024 have instructed NHAI to remove all the platforms before 10.10.2024. The NHAI have removed all the temporary platforms in various reaches from Padikuppam causeway to St. Andrews Bridge in Cooum River from Ls 3320m to Ls 15940m.
3. I humbly submit that the removal working platforms formed by construction debris and earth from Ls 3320m St. Andrews Bridge to Padikuppam Causeway Bridge Ls 15940m is fully completed and also the removed and the debris was dumped on the Cooum River bund at all locations. The temporary causeway at NSK Nagar and upstream Inner ring road bridge was removed. The photographs were taken on 10.10.2024, 13.10.2024 and 14.10.2024 by this Department.

The following Photographs show the debris removed from the Cooum River and dumped on the Cooum River Bund itself:



Egmore (College Road Bridge)

  
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**Inner Ring Road Up Stream (Near Sathya Sai Nagar)**



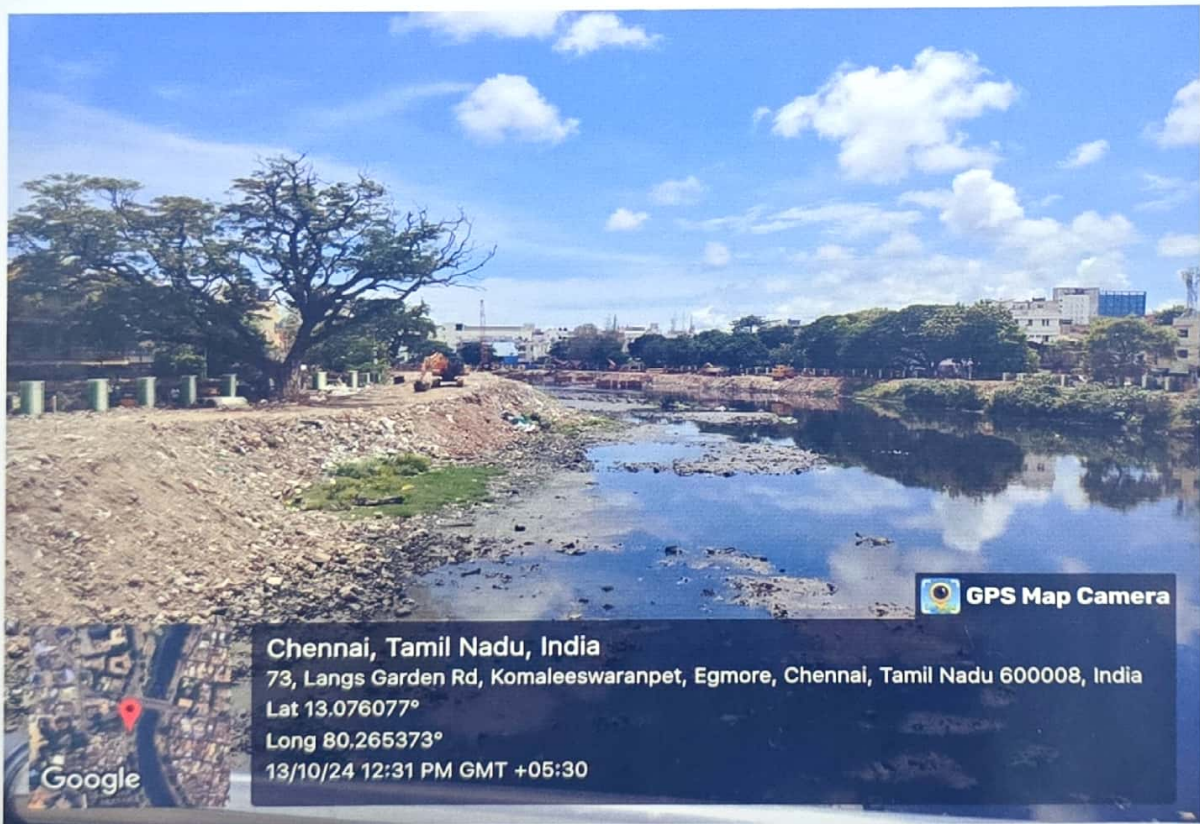
**Inner Ring Road Up Stream (Near Sathya Sai Nagar)**

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Inner Ring Road Up Stream (Near Sathya Sai Nagar)



Chinthadripet (Langs Garden Road)

  
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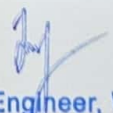


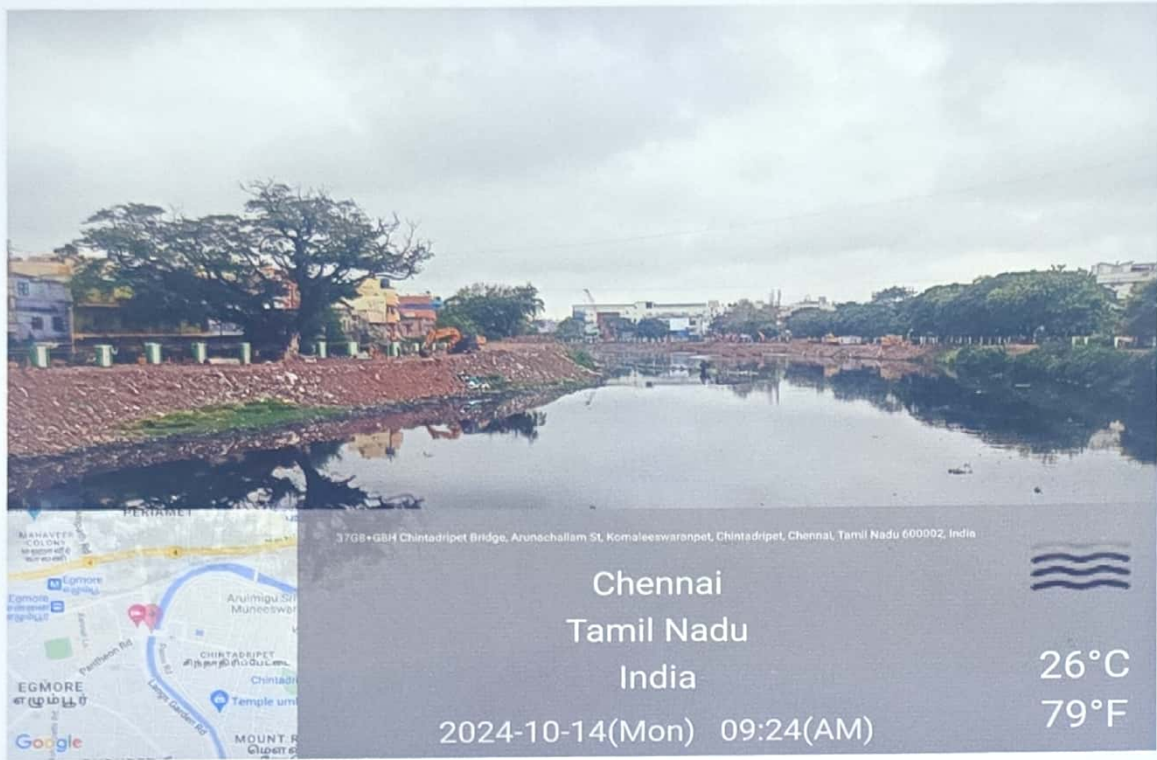
**Inner Ring Road down Stream (Near Sathya Sai Nagar)**



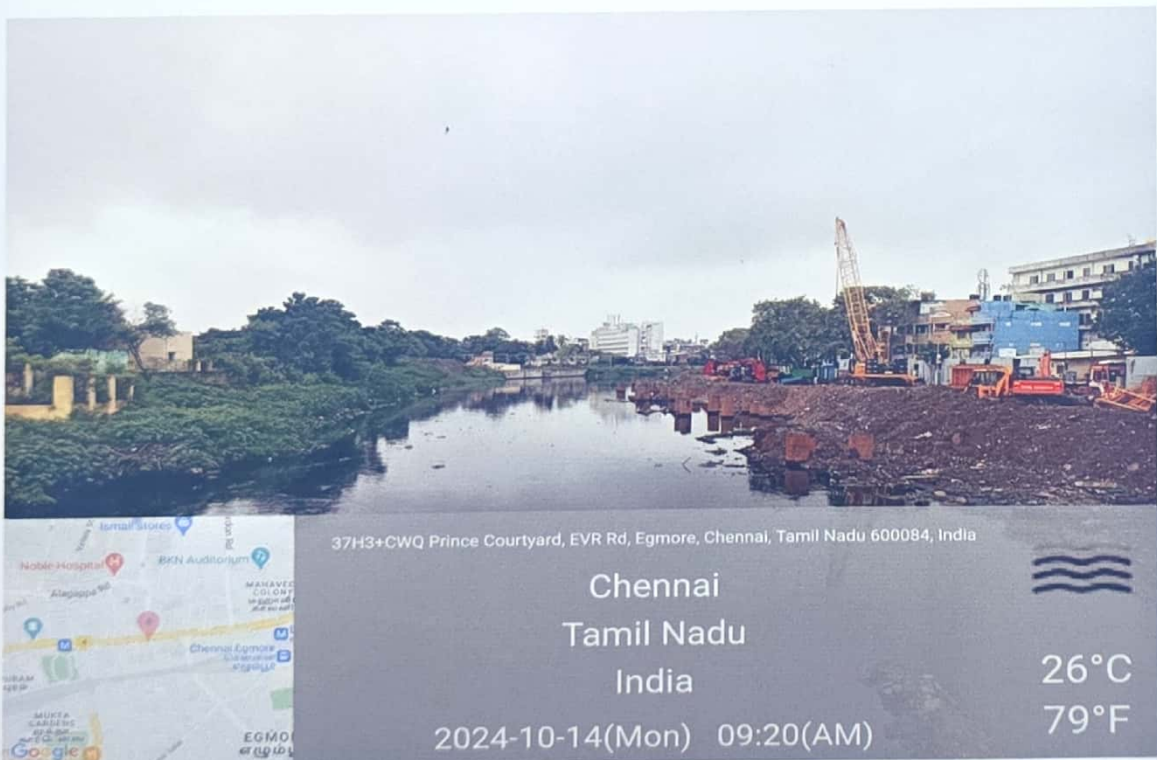
**Metha Nagar- Officers colony**

  
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**Chinthadripet**



**Chinthadripet (near st.Andrews bridge)**

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4. It is therefore most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Tribunal may be pleased to accept this status report filed on behalf of the Water Resource Department, record the same and 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 the case and thus render justice.

Solemnly affirmed at Chennai

on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024

and signed his name in my presence.

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Advocate : Chennai

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