

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL SOUTHERN ZONE BENCH
AT CHENNAI**

OA No 51 OF 2024

IN THE MATTER OF:

**TRIBUNAL ON ITS OWN MOTION IN THE MATTER OF BEACHES BECOMING
GARBAGE ISLANDS POSE A THREAT TO ECOSYSTEMS AND LIVELIHOODS
PUBLISHED ON DINAMALAR EDITION DATED 05TH FEBRUARY 2024**

..... Applicant

Vs

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT & OTHERS

.... Respondents

**REPORT FILED BY THE CHENNAI FISHING HARBOUR
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - R7**

DATE - 30.08.2024



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Report on the Hon'ble NGT Notice of hearing in Original Application No. 51 of 2024 (SZ) in response to the News item appeared in "Beaches Becoming Garbage Islands Pose A Threat To Ecosystems And Livelihoods Published On Dinamalar Edition Dated 05th February 2024".

It is to submit that the Hon'ble NGT, Chennai issued a notice of hearing in Suo-Motu matter in OA No. 51 of 2024 vide notice dated 30.07.2024 in response to the The news item, titled "Beaches becoming garbage islands pose a threat to ecosystems and livelihoods - published in Dinamalar on 5.02.2024". The grievance in the matter is that more than 30000 people are engaged in fishing industry in Kasimedu fishing port. From here, the fishing industry takes place in 2000 barges, 7000 fibre boats and 500 Catamaran 200 tons of fish are sold daily. Kasimedu, a prominent fishing area looks like garbage islands due to plastic waste, Wood waste, thermocol, etc. This situation continues in the coastal areas from Kasimedu to Ennore in North Chennai. It does not seem that the authorities have taken any action to prevent the continuous dumping of construction waste and garbage, including plastic. Due to the various types of garbage being dumped in the coastal areas of North Chennai, there is a risk of destruction of coastal environment and marine life and marine resources. Kasimedu Fishing port authority has a major responsibility to clear the garbage. But they are also nominally functional"

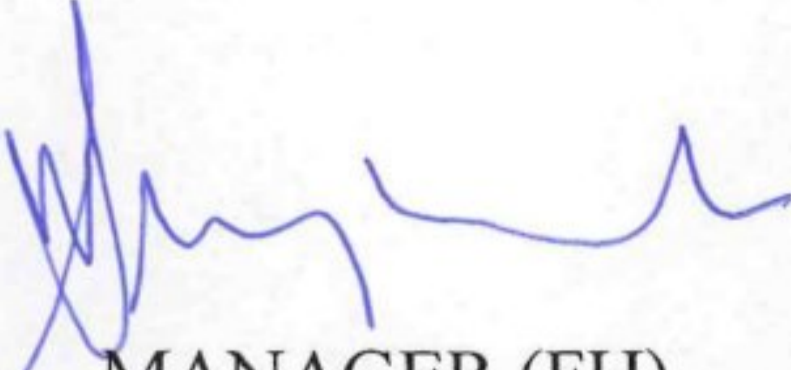
It is submitted that with reference to the removal of waste, garbage and plastic waste from Chennai Fishing Harbour at Kasimedu, Chennai Fishing Harbour Management Committee (CFHMC) has taken the following steps:

1. It is submitted that the regular sweeping and cleaning at Chennai Fishing Harbour (CFH) are done through outsourcing by engaging contractors appointed through tender.

2. It is submitted that the garbage swept are dumped into the bins placed at designated places by Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) and GCC is disposing the same regularly for which payment is made by FHMC to GCC. Further it is also pointed out that toilet complex at Chennai Fishing Harbour area(for free use of FH users) are maintained by CFHMC through contract. CFHMC is incurring a total expenditure of Rs.1,15,48,000/- (84,24,000/- + 23,94,000/- + 3,65,000/-+3,65,000/-) for these works for a period of two years.
3. It is submitted that based on the request letter from Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board(TNPCB), Chennai Fishing Harbour Management Committee (CFHMC) has allotted a vacant land area of 1615 sq. ft. at Plot No.25 in Chennai Fishing Harbour, Kasimedu for the purpose of establishment of a pilot collection centre for discarded fishnets under Tamil Nadu Fishnet Initiatives (TNFI) for a period of one year free of rent. This will be utilized to collect and segregate the plastic waste and fish net waste, etc at Chennai Fishing Harbour and disposal of the same regularly.
4. It is submitted that the Chennai Fishing Harbour Management Committee has paid an amount of Rs.42,75,000/- to Greater Chennai Corporation for clearing the dumped boat debris and other garbage. They have also agreed to dispose the accumulated garbage periodically from FH on payment basis.
5. It is submitted that beside sweeping the roads at fishing harbour, the water front area is also being cleaned on daily basis by deploying sweepers through contract.

6. It is submitted that the water front area is continuously hit by sea waves thereby bringing in the solid wastes viz. plastics, clothes, woods, etc. It is practically very difficult to maintain the water front area clean at all times. However the daily sweeping and cleaning of the water front area mitigates the accumulation of garbage.
7. It is submitted that Fishing Harbour Management Committee spares no effort in making the fishing harbour area clean and tidy and maintain hygienic condition at fishing harbour. Chennai Fishing Harbour Management Committee has put in all necessary efforts to keep the entire FH including water front area to preserve coastal environment and thereby improving the marine life in Chennai Fishing Harbour area.
8. Display boards on cleanliness slogans will be put to sensitize the users of Kasimedu fishing harbor.
9. The photographs showing cleaning of water front area (after cleaning) is also enclosed as annexure.

Hence, in view of the above circumstances, we therefore request this Hon'ble Tribunal to consider the above report and take these facts into consideration and pass orders in O.A.No. 51 of 2024 accordingly and thus render justice.



MANAGER (FH)

**MANAGER
CHENNAI FISHING HARBOUR
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

PHOTOGRAPHS






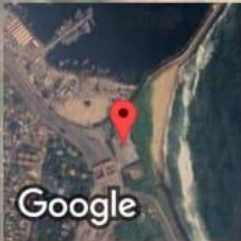
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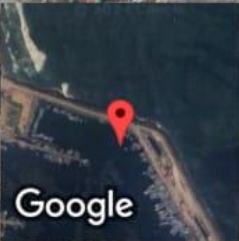
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