

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL

SOUTHERN ZONE AT CHENNAI

**Original Application No. 180 of 2025 (SZ),
[Earlier O.A. No. 357 of 2025(PB)]**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Suo Moto matter in respect of news item
appearing in News The New Indian
Express dated 13.07.2025 titled
“Untreated water supplied to villages in
Melur Taluk for past week: Residents”.

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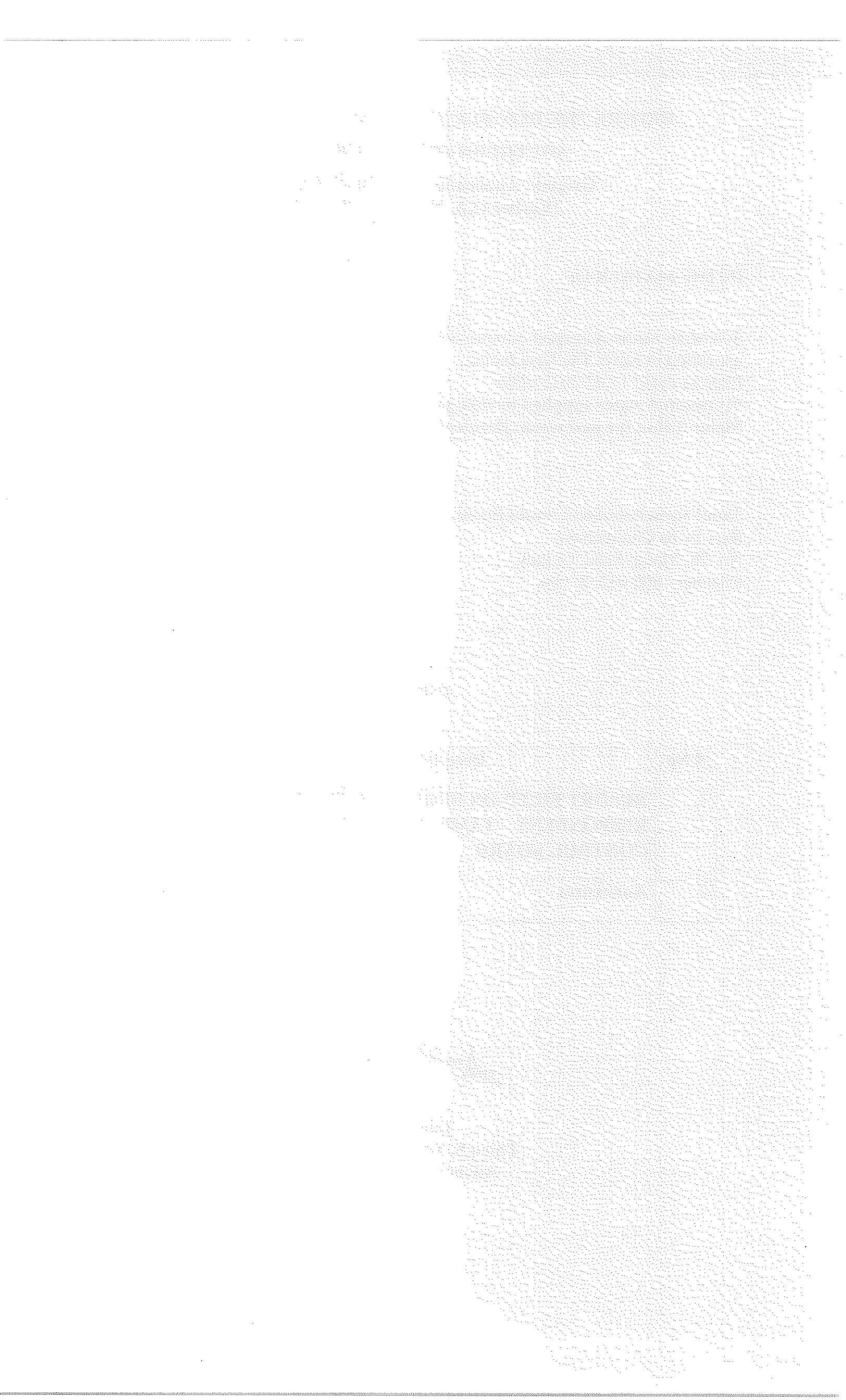
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
Rep. by its Chairperson,
No. 76, Mount Salai, Guindy,
Chennai - 600 032. & Ors.

...Respondents

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 Chennai – 600 032 and 2 others.

...Respondents.

REPORT FILED ON BEHALF OF THE FIRST RESPONDENT –
TAMIL NADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

I, S.Vasuki, Daughter of Thiru. P.K.Somasundaram, aged about 56 years, having office at No.76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai-32, do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely states as follows:

2. I respectfully submit that I am working as the Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai and I am authorized to file this Report on behalf of the First Respondent (Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board) and as such I am well acquainted with the facts of the case from the records available at our office.

3. It is respectfully submitted that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (Principal Bench), New Delhi has registered as **SUO MOTU** on 22.07.2025, based on the News Item titled "*Untreated water supplied to villages in Melur Taluk for past week: Residents*" published in the New Indian Express on 13.07.2025. The Hon'ble Tribunal directed the respondents to file their reports/reply before the Hon'ble NGT, SZ, Chennai and transferred the OA to Hon'ble NGT, SZ, Chennai. The Hon'ble NGT, (SZ) has renumbered the O.A. No. 357 of 2025, PB as O.A. No.180 of 2025, SZ. On 17.9.2025, the OA was taken up by the Hon'ble NGT, (SZ) and directed the respondents to file their report.

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4. It is respectfully submitted that the news item relates to the alleged supply of untreated and unchlorinated borewell water to several villages in Melur Taluk, Madurai District, Tamil Nadu, for over a week. The news item mentions that the issue arose following a pipeline leak in the Cauvery Combined Drinking Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) near Manur. According to sources approximately 1.2 lakh households across various villages - namely Thiruvadavur, Kottampatti, Therkkutheru, and Idayapatti are entirely dependent on the CWSS, and these households have reportedly been receiving untreated water in recent days. The local Panchayat supplied borewell water to the villagers without subjecting it to filtration or chlorination. It indicates violation of the provision of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The substantial issues relating to compliance with the environmental norms and implementation of the provisions of scheduled enactment.

5. It is respectfully submitted that as per the direction passed by the Hon'ble Tribunals the first respondent submits the report herein.

6. It is respectfully submitted that the issue arose due to a pipeline leak in the Cauvery Combined Drinking Water Supply Scheme (CWSS) near Manur. The news item mentioning about the drinking water pipeline and its distribution, which does not fall under the purview of the first respondent (TNPCB). However, on 26.08.2025, 03.09.2025 & 04.09.2025 the inspection was carried out by the officials of TNPCB, Madurai along with officials of Tamil Nadu Water Supply & Drainage Board (TWAD), Madurai and officials of Melur Panchayat Union, Madurai East Panchayat Union and Kottampatti Panchayat Union and samples were collected at 21 points including Distribution sumps of Cauvery Water, Borewell and outlet of Overhead tanks (OHTs) and the collected samples were sent to Advanced Environment Laboratory (AEL), TNPCB, Madurai for analysis. The details of samples collected are as follows:

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Details of location of the samples collected							Total samples collected (village wise)
Name of the Local body	Name of the Village	Date of sample collection	Location of the sampling points				
			Water Cauvery Sump	Borewell water	Outlet of OHT		
		Borewell + Cauvery water			Borewell		
Madurai East P.U.	Idayapatti	26.08.2025	1	-	1	-	2
Melur P.U.	Therkuthuru	03.09.2025	1	2	1	1	5
	Thiruvadavur		1	2	3	1	7
Kottampatti P.U.	Kottampatti	04.09.2025	1	2	3	1	7
			4	6	6	3	21

The Results of Analysis (RoA) of the collected samples were compared with IS 10500:2012 – *Drinking Water Specification*. Out of the 21 samples analyzed, 14 samples showed increased Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), alkalinity, and hardness; 8 samples showed increased calcium; 7 samples showed increased magnesium; and 6 samples showed increased chloride values above the acceptable limits prescribed under IS 10500:2012. Further, a higher value of fluoride was observed in the sample collected at the outlet of the Over Head Tank (OHT) near Thiruvathavur Panchayat Union Office (Borewell VI). The analytical results indicate deviation from desirable drinking water quality in some of the sampling locations, necessitating remedial action by the concerned water supply authority (TWAD Board). (Copy of the RoA of the samples is enclosed as **Annexure I**).

7. It is respectfully submitted that in addition, letters have been addressed by DEE, Madurai on 08.09.2025 to Block Development Officer(Melur), Block Development Officer (Madurai East), Block Development Officer (Kottampatti) & Executive Engineer, TWAD (Madurai), to furnish the action taken report on the news published in the New Indian Express dated 13.07.2025. (Copy of the letters addressed is enclosed as **Annexure II**). Reply has not yet been received from the concerned officials.

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Therefore, 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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VERIFICATION

I, S.Vasuki, Daughter of Thiru. P.K.Somasundaram, working as the Joint Chief Environmental Engineer, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, Chennai having office at No.76, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai 600 032, do hereby verify that the contents of above report are true to the best of my knowledge through records.

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TEST REPORT

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Issued To	District Environmental Engineer, TNPCB, Madurai.		
Reference	Lr. No. DEE/TNPCB/MDU/Samples/2025, Dated:26.08.2025		

SAMPLE DETAILS			
Product Category	Water / Pollution & Environment		
Lab Code	09872526	09882526	
Sample Name	Water	Water	
Temperature @ Receipt	---	---	
Sample Conditions at Receipt	Unsealed, Unfastened	Unsealed, Unfastened	
Sample Quantity & Packing	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container	
Sample Received Date & Time	26.08.2025@05:15pm	26.08.2025@05:15pm	

Analysis Started on	27.08.2025	Analysis Completed on	18.09.2025
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Information Provided by DEE

Sample DEE Code	DEEMDU250404	DEEMDU250405
Sample Collection Date & Time	26.08.2025@11:00am	26.08.2025@11:00am
Sample Received Date & Time	26.08.2025@05:15pm	26.08.2025@05:15pm
Point of Collection	Idayapatti Sump	Delivery point of Idayapatti OHT

TEST RESULTS – CHEMICAL PARAMETERS					
Sl. No.	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT		TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250404	DEEMDU 250405	
1	pH	---	7.94	6.56	APHA 4500-H+-B 24 th Ed 2023
2	Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	418	254	APHA 2540-C 24 th Ed 2023
3	Chlorides (as Cl ⁻)	mg/L	84	56	APHA 4500-Cl-B 24 th Ed 2023
4	Sulphate (as SO ₄)	mg/L	40	11	APHA 4500-SO ₄ -E 24 th Ed 2023
5	Total Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	164	92	APHA 2320-B 24 th Ed 2023
6	Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	146	120	APHA 2340-C 24 th Ed 2023
7	Calcium (as Ca ⁺⁺)	mg/L	38	32	APHA 3500-Ca-B 24 th Ed 2023
8	Magnesium (as Mg ⁺⁺)	mg/L	14	12	APHA 3500-Mg-B 24 th Ed 2023
9	Nitrate Nitrogen as NO ₃	mg/L	0.20	0.25	APHA 4500-NO ₃ -B 24 th Ed 2023
10	Fluoride as F ⁻	mg/L	<0.02	<0.02	APHA 4500-F-D 24 th Ed 2023

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TEST RESULTS – METAL PARAMETERS					
Sl. No.	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT		TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250404	DEEMDU 250405	
11	Total Iron as Fe	mg/L	0.170	0.190	APHA 3500-Fe-B 24 th Ed.,2023
12	Zinc	mg/L	0.235	0.246	APHA 3500-Zn 24 th Ed.,2023
13	Total Residual Chlorine	mg/L	<1.0	<1.0	APHA 4500-Cl2-B 24 th Ed.,2023

Note: BDL - Below Detectable Limit; DL-Detection Limit; "***" - Value could not be ascertained due to high interference during the analysis.

Remarks:

End of Report

[Signature]
Deputy Chief Scientific Officer (FAC),
AEL, TNPCB, Madurai.



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Issued To	District Environmental Engineer, TNPCB, Madurai.
Reference	Lr. No. DEE/TNPCB/MDU/Samples/2025, Dated:04.09.2025

SAMPLE DETAILS	
Product Category	Water / Pollution & Environment

Lab Code	11282526	11292526	11302526
Sample Name	Surface Water	Bore well	Bore well
Temperature @ Receipt	---	---	---
Sample Conditions at Receipt	Unsealed, Unfastened	Unsealed, Unfastened	Unsealed, Unfastened
Sample Quantity & Packing	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@10:00am	04.09.2025@10:00am	04.09.2025@10:00am

Information Provided by DEE

Analysis Started on	04.09.2025	Analysis Completed on	29.09.2025
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Sample DEE Code	DEEMDU250439	DEEMDU250440	DEEMDU250441
Sample Collection Date & Time	03.09.2025@10:08am	03.09.2025@10:30am	03.09.2025@10:38am
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@10:00am	04.09.2025@10:00am	04.09.2025@10:00am
Point of Collection	Melur CWSS kottampatti sump	Borewell I@ china kottampatti village	Outlet of OHT attached to the bore well I (only borewell water)

TEST RESULTS - CHEMICAL PARAMETERS

Sl. No	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT			TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250439	DEEMDU 250440	DEEMDU 250441	
1	pH	---	8.03	7.28	7.67	APHA 4500-H+-B 24 th Ed 2023
2	Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	330	758	636	APHA 2540-C 24 th Ed 2023
3	Chlorides (as Cl-)	mg/L	70	96	112	APHA 4500-Cl-B 24 th Ed 2023
4	Sulphate (as SO ₄)	mg/L	26	25	17	APHA 4500-SO ₄ -E 24 th Ed 2023
5	Total Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	144	296	264	APHA 2320-B 24 th Ed 2023
6	Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	88	236	256	APHA 2340-C 24 th Ed 2023
7	Calcium (as Ca ⁺⁺)	mg/L	32.06	68.94	73.74	APHA 3500-Ca-B 24 th Ed 2023
8	Magnesium (as Mg ⁺⁺)	mg/L	1.95	15.56	17.50	APHA 3500-Mg-B 24 th Ed 2023
9	Nitrate Nitrogen as NO ₃	mg/L	2.12	2.11	1.98	APHA 4500-NO ₃ -B 24 th Ed 2023
10	Fluoride as F-	mg/L	0.3	<0.02	<0.02	APHA 4500-F-D 24 th Ed 2023
11	Total Residual Chlorine	mg/L	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	APHA 450 0-Cl ₂ -B 24 th Ed., 2023

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TEST RESULTS - METAL PARAMETERS						
Sl. No	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT			TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250439	DEEMDU 250440	DEEMDU 250441	
12	Total Iron as Fe	mg/L	0.175	0.205	0.145	APHA 3500-Fe-B 24 th Ed.,2023
13	Zinc	mg/L	0.098	0.110	0.108	APHA 3500-Zn 24 th Ed.,2023

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SAMPLE DETAILS

Product Category	Water / Pollution & Environment		
Lab Code	11312526	11322526	11332526
Sample Name	Bore well	Bore well+ Surface Water	Surface Water + Bore well
Temperature @ Receipt	---	---	---
Sample Conditions at Receipt	Unsealed, Unfastened	Unsealed, Unfastened	Unsealed, Unfastened
Sample Quantity & Packing	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@10:00am	04.09.2025@10:00am	04.09.2025@10:00am

Analysis Started on	04.09.2025	Analysis Completed on	29.09.2025
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Information Provided by DEE

Sample DEE Code	DEEMDU250442	DEEMDU250443	DEEMDU250444
Sample Collection Date & Time	03.09.2025@11:09am	03.09.2025@11:19am	03.09.2025@11:20am
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@10:00am	04.09.2025@10:00am	04.09.2025@10:00am
Point of Collection	Borewell II@ kottampatti vegetable market	Outlet of OHT attached to the bore well II (Cauvery+ borewell water)	Outlet of OHT attached near chettikulam oorani (Cauvery + borewell water)

TEST RESULTS - CHEMICAL PARAMETERS

Sl. No	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT			TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250442	DEEMDU 250443	DEEMDU 250444	
1	pH	---	7.34	7.41	7.90	APHA 4500-H+-B 24 th Ed 2023
2	Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1340	1318	340	APHA 2540-C 24 th Ed 2023
3	Chlorides (as Cl ⁻)	mg/L	305	310	64	APHA 4500-Cl-B 24 th Ed 2023
4	Sulphate (as SO ₄)	mg/L	108	117	29	APHA 4500-SO ₄ -E 24 th Ed 2023
5	Total Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	348	316	144	APHA 2320-B 24 th Ed 2023
6	Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	500	440	165	APHA 2340-C 24 th Ed 2023
7	Calcium (as Ca ⁺⁺)	mg/L	88.17	112.2	30.46	APHA 3500-Ca-B 24 th Ed 2023
8	Magnesium (as Mg ⁺⁺)	mg/L	68.06	38.89	21.64	APHA 3500-Mg-B 24 th Ed 2023
9	Nitrate Nitrogen as NO ₃	mg/L	7.21	6.47	0.34	APHA 4500-NO ₃ -B 24 th Ed 2023
10	Fluoride as F ⁻	mg/L	<0.02	0.1	<0.02	APHA 4500-F-D 24 th Ed 2023
11	Total Residual Chlorine	mg/L	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	APHA 4500-Cl ₂ -B 24 th Ed.,2023

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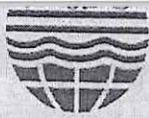
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TEST RESULTS – METAL PARAMETERS						
Sl. No	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT			TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250442	DEEMDU 250443	DEEMDU 250444	
12	Total Iron as Fe	mg/L	0.100	0.190	0.170	APHA 3500-Fe-B 24 th Ed.,2023
13	Zinc	mg/L	0.095	0.083	0.101	APHA 3500-Zn 24 th Ed.,2023

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SAMPLE DETAILS	
Product Category	Water / Pollution & Environment

Lab Code	11342526
Sample Name	Surface Water + Bore well
Temperature @ Receipt	---
Sample Conditions at Receipt	Unsealed, Unfastened
Sample Quantity & Packing	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@10:00am

Analysis Started on	04.09.2025	Analysis Completed on	29.09.2025
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Information Provided by DEE	
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Sample DEE Code	DEEMDU250445
Sample Collection Date & Time	03.09.2025@11:30am
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@10:00am
Point of Collection	Outlet of OHT near Oposite to chettikulam oorani (Cauvery + borewell water)

TEST RESULTS - CHEMICAL PARAMETERS				
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Sl. No.	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT	TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250445	
1	pH	---	7.55	APHA 4500-H+-B 24 th Ed 2023
2	Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1240	APHA 2540-C 24 th Ed 2023
3	Chlorides (as Cl-)	mg/L	280	APHA 4500-Cl-B 24 th Ed 2023
4	Sulphate (as SO ₄)	mg/L	101	APHA 4500-SO ₄ -E 24 th Ed 2023
5	Total Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	288	APHA 2320-B 24 th Ed 2023
6	Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	420	APHA 2340-C 24 th Ed 2023
7	Calcium (as Ca ⁺⁺)	mg/L	72.14	APHA 3500-Ca-B 24 th Ed 2023
8	Magnesium (as Mg ⁺⁺)	mg/L	58.34	APHA 3500-Mg-B 24 th Ed 2023
9	Nitrate Nitrogen as NO ₃	mg/L	6.041	APHA 4500-NO ₃ -B 24 th Ed 2023
10	Fluoride as F-	mg/L	<0.02	APHA 4500-F-D 24 th Ed 2023
11	Total Residual Chlorine	mg/L	<1.0	APHA 4500-Cl ₂ -B 24 th Ed.,2023

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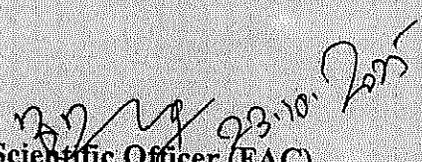
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TEST RESULTS – METAL PARAMETERS				
Sl. No.	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT	TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250445	
12	Total Iron as Fe	mg/L	0.170	APHA 3500-Fe-B 24 th Ed.,2023
13	Zinc	mg/L	0.119	APHA 3500-Zn 24 th Ed.,2023

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Remarks:

End of Report


Deputy Chief Scientific Officer (FAC),
AEL, TNPCB, Madurai.



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SAMPLE DETAILS			
Product Category	Water / Pollution & Environment		
Lab Code	11602526	11612526	11622526
Sample Name	Surface Water	Bore well	Bore well
Temperature @ Receipt	---	---	---
Sample Conditions at Receipt	Unsealed, Unfastened	Unsealed, Unfastened	Unsealed, Unfastened
Sample Quantity & Packing	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm

Analysis Started on	04.09.2025	Analysis Completed on	29.09.2025
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Information Provided by DEE

Sample DEE Code	DEEMDU250446	DEEMDU250447	DEEMDU250448
Sample Collection Date & Time	04.09.2025@10:52am	04.09.2025@10:59am	04.09.2025@11:03am
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm
Point of Collection	CWSS Melur therkutheru sump	Borewell III@ vinayapuram	Outlet of OHT attached to the bore well III (only borewell water)

TEST RESULTS - CHEMICAL PARAMETERS						
Sl. No	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT			TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250446	DEEMDU 250447	DEEMDU 250448	
1	pH	---	8.16	7.62	7.50	APHA 4500-H+-B 24 th Ed 2023
2	Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	320	652	654	APHA 2540-C 24 th Ed 2023
3	Chlorides (as Cl-)	mg/L	64	110	108	APHA 4500-Cl-B 24 th Ed 2023
4	Sulphate (as SO4)	mg/L	24	42	43	APHA 4500-SO4-E 24 th Ed 2023
5	Total Alkalinity (as CaCO3)	mg/L	128	240	232	APHA 2320-B 24 th Ed 2023
6	Total Hardness (as CaCO3)	mg/L	115	276	348	APHA 2340-C 24 th Ed 2023
7	Calcium (as Ca++)	mg/L	20.84	54.51	80.16	APHA 3500-Ca-B 24 th Ed 2023
8	Magnesium (as Mg++)	mg/L	15.32	34.03	35.98	APHA 3500-Mg-B 24 th Ed 2023
9	Nitrate Nitrogen as NO ₃	mg/L	0.780	2.62	2.60	APHA 4500-NO ₃ -B 24 th Ed 2023
10	Fluoride as F-	mg/L	<0.02	<0.02	0.6	APHA 4500-F-D 24 th Ed 2023
11	Total Residual Chlorine	mg/L	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	APHA 4500-Cl2-B 24 th Ed.,2023

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TEST RESULTS - METAL PARAMETERS						
Sl. No	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT			TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250446	DEEMDU 250447	DEEMDU 250448	
12	Total Iron as Fe	mg/L	0.110	0.170	0.290	APHA 3500-Fe-B 24 th Ed.,2023
13	Zinc	mg/L	0.048	0.061	0.075	APHA 3500-Zn 24 th Ed.,2023

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SAMPLE DETAILS		
Product Category	Water / Pollution & Environment	
Lab Code	11632526	11642526
Sample Name	Surfacewater+ borewell water	Bore well water
Temperature @ Receipt	---	---
Sample Conditions at Receipt	Unsealed, Unfastened	Unsealed, Unfastened
Sample Quantity & Packing	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm

Analysis Started on	05.09.2025	Analysis Completed on	29.09.2025
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Information Provided by DEE

Sample DEE Code	DEEMDU250449	DEEMDU250450
Sample Collection Date & Time	04.09.2025@11:18am	04.09.2025@11:25am
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm
Point of Collection	Outlet of OHT @ Kovil manthai street attached to Borewell IV (Surfacewater+ borewell water)	Borewell IV @ vinayagapuram

TEST RESULTS - CHEMICAL PARAMETERS					
Sl. No.	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT		TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250449	DEEMDU 250450	
1	pH	---	7.95	7.62	APHA 4500-H+-B 24 th Ed 2023
2	Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1378	1498	APHA 2540-C 24 th Ed 2023
3	Chlorides (as Cl-)	mg/L	1010	435	APHA 4500-Cl-B 24 th Ed 2023
4	Sulphate (as SO4)	mg/L	29	11	APHA 4500-SO4-E 24 th Ed 2023
5	Total Alkalinity (as CaCO3)	mg/L	380	412	APHA 2320-B 24 th Ed 2023
6	Total Hardness (as CaCO3)	mg/L	1140	1250	APHA 2340-C 24 th Ed 2023
7	Calcium (as Ca++)	mg/L	192.38	216.43	APHA 3500-Ca-B 24 th Ed 2023
8	Magnesium (as Mg++)	mg/L	160.45	172.60	APHA 3500-Mg-B 24 th Ed 2023
9	Nitrate Nitrogen as NO ₃	mg/L	0.44	0.55	APHA 4500-NO ₃ -B 24 th Ed 2023
10	Fluoride as F-	mg/L	<0.02	0.1	APHA 4500-F-D 24 th Ed 2023
11	Total Residual Chlorine	mg/L	<1.0	<1.0	APHA 4500-Cl2-B 24 th Ed.,2023

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TEST RESULTS – METAL PARAMETERS					
Sl. No.	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT		TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250449	DEEMDU 250450	
12	Total Iron as Fe	mg/L	0.215	0.155	APHA 3500-Fe-B 24 th Ed., 2023
13	Zinc	mg/L	0.098	0.101	APHA 3500-Zn 24 th Ed., 2023

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SAMPLE DETAILS	
Product Category	Water / Pollution & Environment

Lab Code	11652526	11662526	11672526
Sample Name	Surface Water+ Bore well water	Surface Water+ Bore well water	Surface Water+ Bore well water
Temperature @ Receipt	---	---	---
Sample Conditions at Receipt	Unsealed, Unfastened	Unsealed, Unfastened	Unsealed, Unfastened
Sample Quantity & Packing	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm

Analysis Started on	04.09.2025	Analysis Completed on	29.09.2025
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Information Provided by DEE			
Sample DEE Code	DEEMDU250451	DEEMDU250452	DEEMDU250453
Sample Collection Date & Time	04.09.2025@12:51pm	04.09.2025@12:58pm	04.09.2025@01:07pm
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm
Point of Collection	Outlet of OHT opposite to thiruvathavur Temple	Outlet of OHT near Library (AD Colony)	Outlet of OHT near thiruvathavur panchayat union office attached to Borewell V (Surfacewater+ borewell water)

TEST RESULTS - CHEMICAL PARAMETERS						
Sl. No	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT			TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250451	DEEMDU 250452	DEEMDU 250453	
1	pH	---	8.20	7.83	7.77	APHA 4500-H+-B 24 th Ed 2023
2	Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	332	934	628	APHA 2540-C 24 th Ed 2023
3	Chlorides (as Cl-)	mg/L	64	200	90	APHA 4500-Cl-B 24 th Ed 2023
4	Sulphate (as SO4)	mg/L	23	103	27	APHA 4500-SO4-E 24 th Ed 2023
5	Total Alkalinity (as CaCO3)	mg/L	148	252	228	APHA 2320-B 24 th Ed 2023
6	Total Hardness (as CaCO3)	mg/L	92	400	256	APHA 2340-C 24 th Ed 2023
7	Calcium (as Ca++)	mg/L	33.67	113.8	80.16	APHA 3500-Ca-B 24 th Ed 2023
8	Magnesium (as Mg++)	mg/L	1.95	28.19	13.61	APHA 3500-Mg-B 24 th Ed 2023
9	Nitrate Nitrogen as NO3	mg/L	0.33	5.05	2.1	APHA 4500-NO3-B 24 th Ed 2023
10	Fluoride as F-	mg/L	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	APHA 4500-F-D 24 th Ed 2023
11	Total Residual Chlorine	mg/L	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0	APHA 4500-Cl2-B 24 th Ed.,2023

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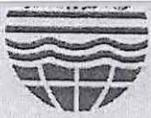
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TEST RESULTS - METAL PARAMETERS						
Sl. No	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT			TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250451	DEEMDU 250452	DEEMDU 250453	
12	Total Iron as Fe	mg/L	0.230	0.275	0.145	APHA 3500-Fe-B 24 th Ed., 2023
13	Zinc	mg/L	0.108	0.097	0.118	APHA 3500-Zn 24 th Ed., 2023

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SAMPLE DETAILS		
Product Category	Water / Pollution & Environment	
Lab Code	11682526	11692526
Sample Name	Borewell water	Surface water
Temperature @ Receipt	---	---
Sample Conditions at Receipt	Unsealed, Unfastened	Unsealed, Unfastened
Sample Quantity & Packing	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm

Analysis Started on	05.09.2025	Analysis Completed on	29.09.2025
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Information Provided by DEE

Sample DEE Code	DEEMDU250454	DEEMDU250455
Sample Collection Date & Time	04.09.2025@01:08pm	04.09.2025@01:13pm
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm
Point of Collection	Borewell V near thiruvathavur Panchayat union Office	Melur CWSS thiruvathavur sump

TEST RESULTS – CHEMICAL PARAMETERS					
Sl. No.	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT		TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250454	DEEMDU 250455	
1	pH	---	7.55	8.24	APHA 4500-H+-B 24 th Ed 2023
2	Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1248	370	APHA 2540-C 24 th Ed 2023
3	Chlorides (as Cl-)	mg/L	315	88	APHA 4500-Cl-B 24 th Ed 2023
4	Sulphate (as SO ₄)	mg/L	29	27	APHA 4500-SO ₄ -E 24 th Ed 2023
5	Total Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	400	112	APHA 2320-B 24 th Ed 2023
6	Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	510	136	APHA 2340-C 24 th Ed 2023
7	Calcium (as Ca ⁺⁺)	mg/L	184.36	46.49	APHA 3500-Ca-B 24 th Ed 2023
8	Magnesium (as Mg ⁺⁺)	mg/L	12.15	4.86	APHA 3500-Mg-B 24 th Ed 2023
9	Nitrate Nitrogen as NO ₃	mg/L	8.31	0.78	APHA 4500-NO ₃ -B 24 th Ed 2023
10	Fluoride as F-	mg/L	<0.02	<0.02	APHA 4500-F-D 24 th Ed 2023
11	Total Residual Chlorine	mg/L	<1.0	<1.0	APHA 4500-Cl ₂ -B 24 th Ed.,2023

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TEST RESULTS - METAL PARAMETERS					
Sl. No.	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT		TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250454	DEEMDU 250455	
12	Total Iron as Fe	mg/L	0.180	0.210	APHA 3500-Fe-B 24 th Ed.,2023
13	Zinc	mg/L	0.171	0.180	APHA 3500-Zn 24 th Ed.,2023

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SAMPLE DETAILS		
Product Category	Water / Pollution & Environment	
Lab Code	11702526	11712526
Sample Name	Borewell water	Borewell water
Temperature @ Receipt	---	---
Sample Conditions at Receipt	Unsealed, Unfastened	Unsealed, Unfastened
Sample Quantity & Packing	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container	2.5 Ltr Plastic Container
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm

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Sample DEE Code	DEEMDU250456	DEEMDU250457
Sample Collection Date & Time	04.09.2025@01:30pm	04.09.2025@01:50pm
Sample Received Date & Time	04.09.2025@05:40pm	04.09.2025@05:40pm
Point of Collection	Outlet of OHT near thiruvathavur panchayat union office attached to Borewell VI (Surfacewater+ borewell water) Borewell VI Kalvikulam	

TEST RESULTS - CHEMICAL PARAMETERS					
Sl. No.	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT		TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250456	DEEMDU 250457	
1	pH	---	7.46	7.72	APHA 4500-H+-B 24 th Ed 2023
2	Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	610	606	APHA 2540-C 24 th Ed 2023
3	Chlorides (as Cl-)	mg/L	126	124	APHA 4500-Cl-B 24 th Ed 2023
4	Sulphate (as SO ₄)	mg/L	17	18	APHA 4500-SO ₄ -E 24 th Ed 2023
5	Total Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	224	216	APHA 2320-B 24 th Ed 2023
6	Total Hardness (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	276	264	APHA 2340-C 24 th Ed 2023
7	Calcium (as Ca ⁺⁺)	mg/L	92.98	76.95	APHA 3500-Ca-B 24 th Ed 2023
8	Magnesium (as Mg ⁺⁺)	mg/L	10.69	17.50	APHA 3500-Mg-B 24 th Ed 2023
9	Nitrate Nitrogen as NO ₃	mg/L	3.48	3.45	APHA 4500-NO ₃ -B 24 th Ed 2023
10	Fluoride as F-	mg/L	1.4	0.8	APHA 4500-F-D 24 th Ed 2023
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TEST RESULTS – METAL PARAMETERS					
Sl. No.	PARAMETERS	UNIT	RESULT		TEST METHOD
			DEEMDU 250456	DEEMDU 250457	
12	Total Iron as Fe	mg/L	0.240	0.135	APHA 3500-Fe-B 24 th Ed.,2023
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Letter No. DEE/TNPCB/MDU/2025 dated: 08.09.2025

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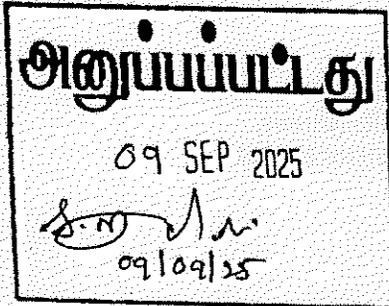
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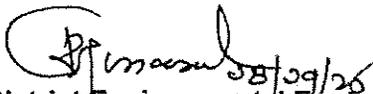
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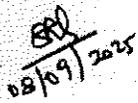
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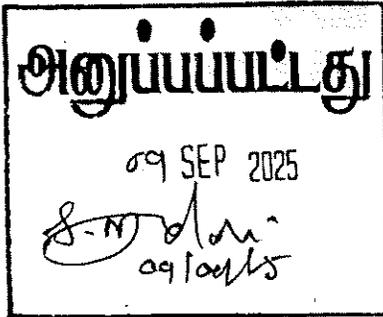
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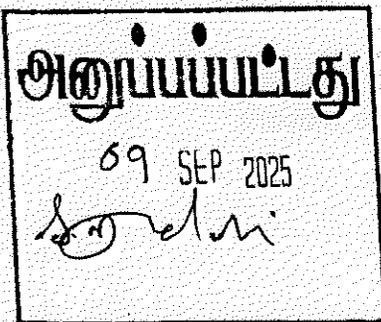
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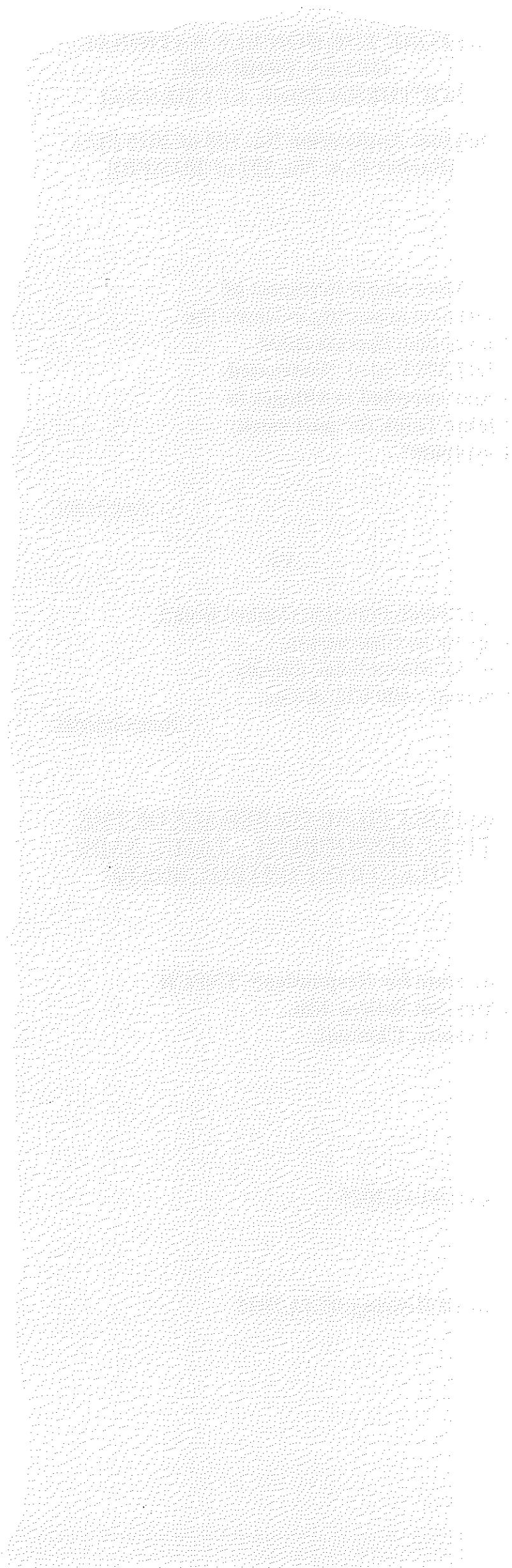
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**Original Application No. 180 of 2025 (SZ),
[Earlier O.A. No. 357 of 2025(PB)]**

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...Applicant

Vs

Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
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Chennai - 600 032. & Ors.

....Respondents

**REPORT FILED ON BEHALF OF THE
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**Advocate for Respondent: TNPCB
Thiru.Sai Sathya Jith,
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Date: 05.11.2025

Date of Hearing:07.11.2025