

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL**

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Versus

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MOEF & CC, New Delhi and ors.

...Respondent(s)

**REPORT FILED BY 6<sup>TH</sup> RESPONDENT-**  
**THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FOREST**  
**AND CHIEF WILDLIFE ,CHENNAI.**

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**Through**  
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**National Green Tribunal**  
**Southern Zone, Chennai**

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I, Rakesh Kumar Dogra, I.F.S., Son of Late M L Dogra, Hindu, aged about 58 years, residing at A-1204, AIS Housing Complex, TAISHA, Nerkundram, Chennai-92, and presently working as Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows:

1. It is respectfully submitted that I am the 6<sup>th</sup> respondent herein, and I am acquainted with the facts of the case based on the available records. I am filing this counter on behalf of Tamil Nadu Forest Department.
2. It is respectfully submitted that the tribunal order dated 02.06.2025 has directed the Forest Department to give sea turtle data for the previous five years.
3. It is respectfully submitted that the sea turtle's data for previous five years from

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2020-2021 to 2024-2025 is tabulated below: -

**2020 - 2021**

Year	No. of Hatchery	No. of Nests	No. of Eggs collected	No. of Hatchling released	Egg Casualty Reported	No. of persons engaged	No. of Turtle dead turtles washed ashore reported
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
WLW, Chennai	4	387	41326	36686	4640	20	46
Villupuram	1	28	3385	2451	934	4	0
Cuddalore	8	155	18315	17689	626	10	0
Nagapattinam	8	324	35810	33640	2170	8	72
Ramnad	6	219	25695	24612	1083	8	58
Thoothukudi	1	2	220	100	120	2	3
Tirunelveli	2	2	212	176	36	8	0
Kanyakumari	1	43	4161	3662	499	6	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1160</b>	<b>129124</b>	<b>119016</b>	<b>10108</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>183</b>

**2021 - 2022**

Year	No. of Hatchery	No. of Nests	No. of Eggs collected	No. of Hatchling released	Egg Casualty Reported	No. of persons engaged	No. of Turtle dead turtles washed ashore reported
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
WLW, Chennai	4	389	55713	46755	8958	20	20
Villupuram	2	81	14608	13066	1542	4	0
Cuddalore	8	299	35457	32189	3268	15	0
Nagapattinam	8	490	56984	51946	5038	8	140
Ramnad	6	228	27009	24821	2188	9	33
Thoothukudi	1	7	944	720	224	3	4
Tirunelveli	2	4	354	268	86	8	3
Kanyakumari	1	61	5993	3778	2215	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1559</b>	<b>197062</b>	<b>173543</b>	<b>23519</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>206</b>

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Year	No. of Hatchery	No. of Nests	No. of Eggs collected	No. of Hatchling released	Egg Casualty Reported	No. of persons engaged	No. of Turtle dead turtles washed ashore reported
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
WLW, Chennai	4	487	49187	38721	10466	20	97
Villupuram	2	96	10719	8117	2602	4	3
Cuddalore	9	524	60526	54137	6389	15	0
Nagapattinam	8	505	58143	53933	4210	8	170
Ramnad	6	228	24118	23226	892	10	28
Thoothukudi	1	11	2220	1949	271	5	8
Tirunelveli	2	18	2055	1746	309	8	6
Kanyakumari	2	95	10032	6723	3309	6	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>217000</b>	<b>188552</b>	<b>28448</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>316</b>

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
WLW, Chennai	4	436	44034	38230	5804	20	110
Villupuram	2	90	10269	8952	1317	4	6
Cuddalore	12	841	95633	89648	5985	36	0
Nagapattinam	12	613	68169	60438	7731	8	212
Ramnad	10	258	27755	11820	15935	13	49
Thoothukudi	3	18	1845	1483	362	5	7
Tirunelveli	2	19	2209	1936	273	8	3
Kanyakumari	4	83	8509	3893	4616	10	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2358</b>	<b>258423</b>	<b>216400</b>	<b>42023</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>389</b>

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Year	No. of Hatchery	No. of Nests	No. of Eggs collected	No. of Hatchling released	Egg Casualty Reported	No. of persons engaged	No. of Turtle dead turtles washed ashore reported
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
WLW, Chennai	8	604	65649	55074	10575	40	1198
Villupuram	3	242	27029	22156	4873	4	40
Cuddalore	10	1002	113933	106595	7338	20	89
Nagapattinam	8	282	30832	27706	3126	10	138
Mayiladuthurai	8	402	45215	40283	4932	10	40
Ramnad	10	248	27163	25020	2143	11	49
Thoothukudi	3	18	1940	1438	502	5	10
Tirunelveli	2	22	2552	2081	471	8	1
Kanyakumari	8	58	5582	3460	2122	9	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2878</b>	<b>319895</b>	<b>283813</b>	<b>36082</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1573</b>

In light of the above facts and circumstances, it is humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Tribunal may pass any direction or order as it may deem fit, in the interests of justice and ecological preservation.

Date: 01-08-2025

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**RAKESH KUMAR DOGRA**

**01-08-2025**

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## VERIFICATION

I, Rakesh Kumar Dogra, I.F.S., Son of Late M L Dogra, Hindu, aged about 58 years, residing at A-1204, AIS Housing Complex, TAISHA, Nerkundram, Chennai-92, and presently working as Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Chennai Solemnly affirm that the contents of this Report are true to the best of my knowledge based on the records and I have not suppressed any facts.

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