

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

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 189 OF 2023

Kalapet Tsunami Kudieruppu Makkal Nala Sangam
P2-365, Tsunami Quarters, Periyakalpet,
Puducherry – 605 014.

Represented by Mr. A. Kumar, Organiser &
Power of Attorney

.... Applicant

: Versus:

Puducherry Pollution control Committee,
Through Member Secretary,
Department of Science, Technology and Environment,
Puducherry – 605 005 and 2 others

.... Respondents

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**REPORT FILED BY THE FIRST RESPONDENT IN COMPLIANCE TO THE
ORDER OF THE HON'BLE NGT (SZ) DATED 23.02.2024**

1. In the matter of the O.A No. 189 of 2023 (SZ), the National Green Tribunal, Southern zone, Chennai vide its order dated 23.02.2024 has directed the 1st respondent *i.e*, The Member Secretary, Puducherry pollution Control Committee, Puducherry, as follows:

“2. In the meanwhile, the Member Secretary - Puducherry Pollution Control Committee appeared on the Video Conference and stated that they have engaged scuba divers from Chennai and the report would be filed shortly based on their observations. Hence, the matter be listed on 22.03.2024.”

2. In furtherance of the Order, Scuba diver team consisting of 2 people from M/s. Temple Adventures, Pondicherry were employed to carry out verification of the presence of pipeline in the sea. Scuba Diver, Thiru. SB Aravind Thanusri, Director, of M/s. Temple Adventures and Thiru. D. Chandru dived into the sea on 19.03.2024, for verifying the pipeline.

3. Officials from 1st respondent, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department, Revenue Department, Coastal Police Station, the Petitioner, representative from the 3rd respondent, Secretary of Kalapet Grama Panchayat were present, during the exercise.

4. Sea bottom search was carried out at an approximate distance of 350 m from seashore from 8.00 AM to 10.30 AM by scuba divers assisted by the petitioner, Officials of 1st respondent and Secretary of Kalapet Grama Panchayat. The following were observed.

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- (i) At the location GPS Co-ordinates (12° 2'3.97"N ; 79°52'27.09"E), a Solid Block (probably Conical Shaped) Concrete Structure with few Iron channels on it was found at around 7.4 m beneath the sea. The solid block / conical structure of size above a meter in width and height was identified.
- (ii) Pieces of Fishing Nets and ropes were found to be strangled on the structure.
- (iii) Pipelines could not be identified from the conical structure. The same could have been submerged in the sea bed.
- (iv) Permanent plastic floating buoy has been tied to the structure for future identification.

5. It is evident from the diving exercise that the visible solid block is identified as diffuser block attached to the marine outfall pipeline of the ETP of the 3rd respondent. Pipelines was not visible and the pipeline might have been submerged in the sea bed.

6. Report of Scuba Diving is placed in ANNEXURE – I. Photographs are placed in ANNEXURE – II and copy of videograph is annexed.

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To,

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Puducherry – 605 005.

Sir,

Sub : Comments and Videographic evidence – Submitted – Reg.

Ref: PPCC – Letter No. No. 189/PPCC/NGT(SZ)/OMK/PDY/JE/2024/249 dated
18.03.2024.

With reference to the subject mentioned above, it is submitted that, the undersigned (SB.Aravind) and Shri D. Chandru have dived into the sea, at the location shown by the Petitioner, Thiru. A. Kumar, Organizer, Tsunami Kudieruppu Makkal Nala Sangam, Kalapet, Puducherry, on 19.03.2024, around 8.00 AM. After few search minutes, the following were observed.

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- (ii) Pieces of Fishing Nets and ropes were found to be strangled.
- (iii) Pipelines could not be identified from the conical structure. The same could have been submerged in the sea bed.
- (iv) Permanent plastic floating buoy has been tied to the structure for identification.
- (v) Photographs and videos have been attached. The structure may be defined as below.

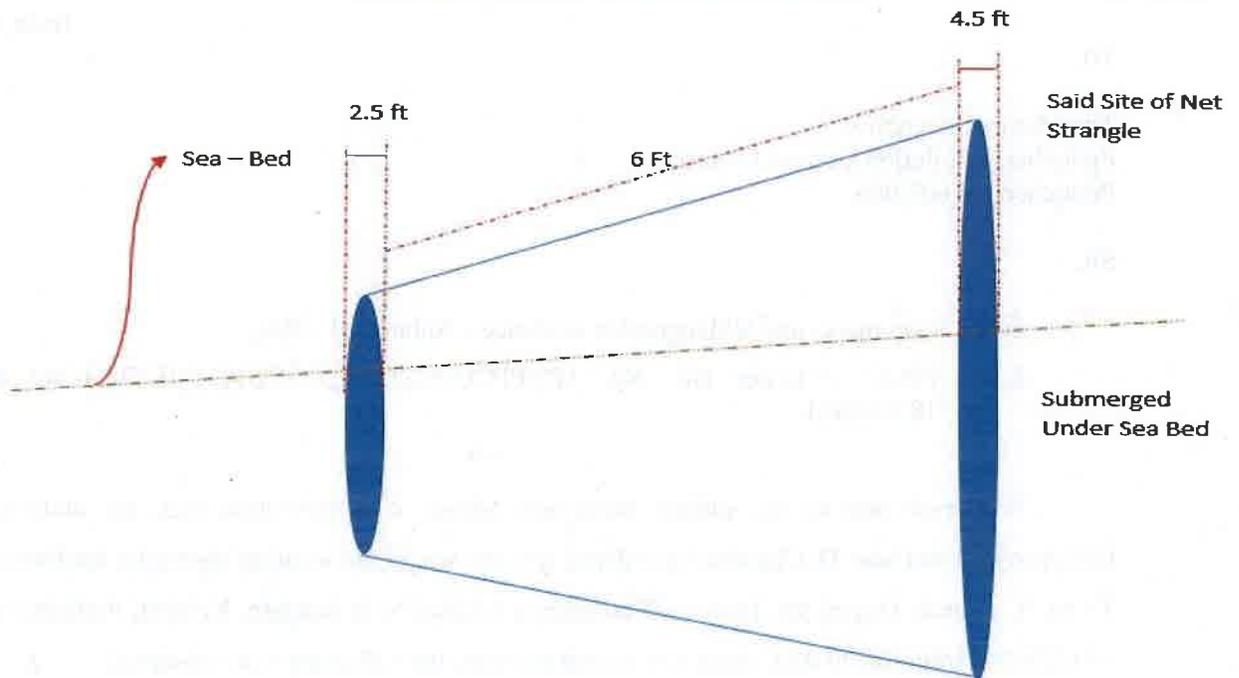
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Schematic Representation of the identified structure.

With Regards

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Annexure II - Photographs of the Scuba Diving Exercise

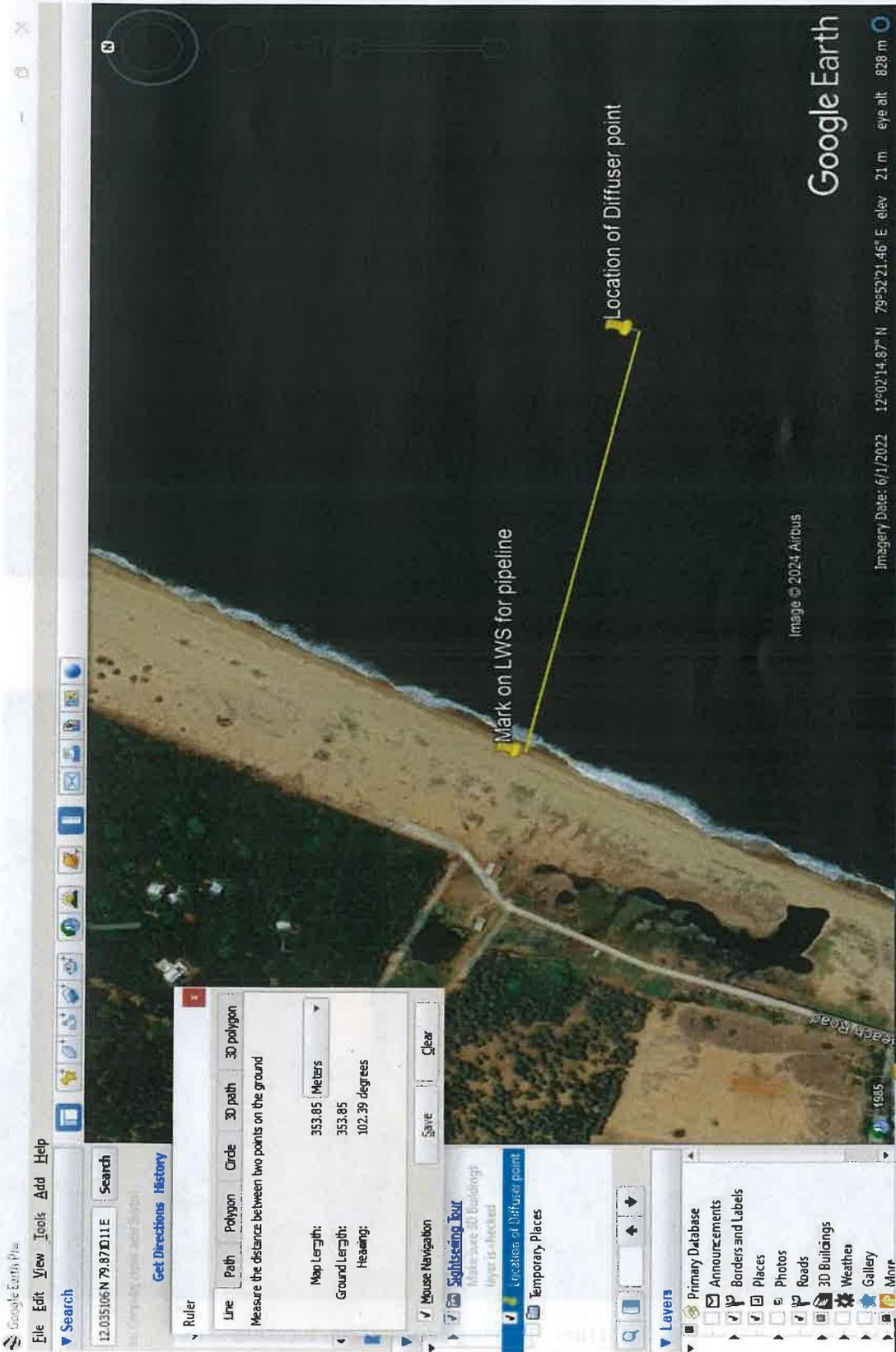


Fig. 1. Picture Showing Google Earth Image of location of the identified structure from the Shoreline.

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Fig. 2. Picture showing lower end of the cone identified



Fig. 3. Picture showing depth of the location

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Fig. 4 & 5. Picture showing Middle portion of the cone identified provided with iron Rims.

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Fig. 6. Staff engaged in assisting scuba divers at the waters.



Fig. 7. Picture showing Fishing Nets strangled at the object.

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