

Item No.03:

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
SOUTHERN ZONE, CHENNAI**

[Through Physical Hearing (Hybrid Option)]

Original Application No.93 of 2023(SZ)

IN THE MATTER OF:

Tribunal on its own motion **SUO MOTU**
based on the News Item in The Hindu,
Newspaper dt: 07.06.2023, **Study finds
disturbing evidence of marine plastic
pollution off Kerala coast.**

And

The Member Secretary,
Kerala Coastal Zone Management Authority and Ors.

...Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 04.04.2025.

CORAM:

HON'BLE Smt. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA, JUDICIAL MEMBER

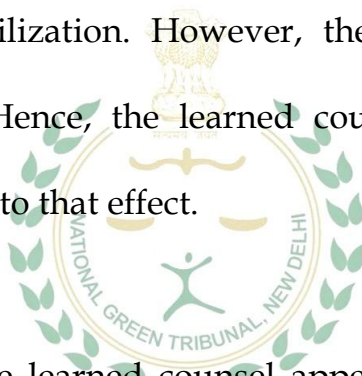
HON'BLE Dr. VIJAY KULKARNI, EXPERT MEMBER

For Applicant(s): Suo Motu.

For Respondent(s): Mr. R. Ramesh Kumar represented
Mr. G. Prabhu for R1.
Mr. G. Vignesh represented
Mr. E.K. Kumaresan for R2.
Mrs. Rema Smrithi for R3.

ORDER

1. The learned counsel appearing for the District Collector, Trivandrum, submits that approximately 433 tonnes of plastic waste have been removed from the Trivandrum Corporation limits, and additional quantities from surrounding areas, amounting to a total of approximately 438 tonnes. It is further stated that the collected waste has been handed over to the Clean Kerala Agency for segregation and subsequent appropriate utilization. However, these statements have been made orally. Hence, the learned counsel is directed to file a detailed report to that effect.



2. The learned counsel appearing for the Kerala State Pollution Control Board and the Kerala State Coastal Zone Management Authority have not yet filed their respective reports.

3. It is submitted that an Action Plan Committee meeting is scheduled for next week to deliberate on further steps. However, given that such incidents appear to be recurring in nature, a permanent solution is necessary. A sustainable maintenance mechanism must also be put in place. Accordingly,

both the Kerala SPCB and the Kerala SCZMA are directed to file their detailed reports addressing the issue comprehensively.

4. Post the matter on 07.07.2025.

Sd/-
Smt. Justice Pushpa Sathyanarayana, JM

Sd/-
Dr. Vijay Kulkarni, EM

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04th April, 2025. AD.

